



Sonning Golf Club

*Landscape and Ecological
Management Plan (LEMP) ~ Phase 1*

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

- 1.1.1. Derek Finnie Associates was commissioned by Sonning Golf Club to provide ecological advice in relation to a development at Sonning Golf Course. Outline Planning permission has been granted by Wokingham Borough Council for the proposed erection of up to 50 no. dwellings with public open space and revised access off Duffield Road, plus associated modifications to Sonning Golf Club including reconfiguration of golf club car parking area (Ref/; 223458). The permission was granted subject to certain conditions, with Condition 23 of the permission stating:

Condition 22. Landscape and Ecological Management Plan

A landscape and ecological management plan (LEMP) for all areas of public open space within each phase shall be submitted to, and be approved in writing by, the local planning authority prior commencement of the development in respect of that phase. The content of the LEMP shall include the following:

- a) Description and evaluation of features to be managed.*
- b) Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management.*
- c) Aims and objectives of management – to include maintenance of habitats required for achieving biodiversity net gain for a minimum period of 30 years.*
- d) Appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives.*
- e) Prescriptions for management actions.*
- f) Preparation of a work schedule (including an annual work plan capable of being rolled forward over a five-year period).*
- g) Details of the body or organization responsible for implementation of the plan.*
- h) Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures.*

The LEMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which the longterm implementation of the plan will be secured by the developer with the management body(ies) responsible for its delivery. The plan shall also set out (where the results from monitoring show that conservation aims and objectives of the LEMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved scheme. The approved plan for that phase will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

- 1.1.2. The following report has been prepared to discharge Condition 22 as far as it relates to phase 1 of the scheme only (See Appendix 1 for Phasing Plan). A further document will be submitted to discharge Condition 22 as it related to Phase 2 in due course.

2. LEMP

2.1. Features to be managed

- 2.1.1. There are no specific ecological valuable features within Phase 1 that require any form of management, given that Phase 1 comprises the existing Club House, car park and 18th Green,

2.2. Ecological trends and constraint.

- 2.2.1. Given the land within the Phase 1 part of the scheme is intensely managed, there would be no significant ecological trends, or constraints.

2.3. Aims and objectives of management and management prescriptions

- 2.3.1. There are no specific ecological management aims or objectives within Phase 1. Landscaping, comprising mainly non-native species, has been proposed for the Phase 1 area. Given that the Phase 1 area is mainly built form and intensely managed area, this was deemed appropriate. The landscaping details, and management of these areas, is covered under Condition20 and is not repeated here.

2.4. Work schedule

- 2.4.1. As there are no specific ecological management prescriptions, there is no requirement for a work schedule.

2.5. Organization responsible for implementation

- 2.5.1. The ongoing maintenance of the car park and retained putting green will be undertaken by the Golf Club staff.

2.6. Monitoring and remedial measures

- 2.6.1. No monitoring is required.

3. Summary

3.1. Ecological Management

- 3.1.1. Given that the Phase 1 works centre on reconfiguration of the car park and club house, there is a paucity of semi-natural vegetation, with no habitat creation proposed, within this Phase of the development.
- 3.1.2. Extensive area of habitat creation and enhancement will be brought forward with Phase 2 of the development. This will be covered in Phase specific LEMP.

Appendix 1

Phasing Plan



KEY

- Phase 1
- Phase 2



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PROJECT	DATE	SCALE AT A1	JOB NO
Sonning Golf Club	Sept '24	1:1000	24.017
Duffield Road, Sonning			
DESCRIPTION	STATUS		DRAWING NO
Proposed Development Phasing Plan	Planning		PL.001
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