

APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS **DRAFT DECISION NOTICE**



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Expiry Date: 18 September 2026

Application Number: 260779

Location: Land At Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Reading, RG4 6GJ

Proposal: Application for the approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning consent 223458 (as amended by applications 242641 and 250553), for the Revised access off Duffield Road plus associated modifications to Sonning Golf Club, including reconfiguration of the golf club parking areas and conversion of the west wing of the existing clubhouse to accommodate a new golf simulator practice facility, including removal of external staircase and changes to fenestration (Phase 1).

Recommendation: Approve

Conditions and/or Reasons

1. Outline Application Compliance - Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect or vary the conditions imposed by planning permission 223458 (dated 30.11.2023) and the non-material amendment 242641 (dated 20.11.2024) and 250553 (dated 25.04.2025) which conditions shall remain in full force and effect save in so far as they are expressly affected or varied by this permission.

Reason: Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the application form and associated details hereby approved.

2. Approved details

This permission is in respect of the submitted application plans and drawings numbered:

PL.100

PL.311

PL.310 Rev D

PL.110 Rev C

PL.210 Rev B

SGC 001 Rev F

SGC 002 Rev F

H1515 – 409 Issue F

H1515 – 410 Issue G

H1515 – 411 Issue F

H1515 – 412 Issues F

H1515 – 430 Issue F

H1515 – 432 Issue E

H1515 – 435 Issue A

received by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

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3. External materials

Except where stated otherwise on the approved drawings, the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall be of similar appearance to those used in the existing building, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure that the external appearance of the building is satisfactory.

Relevant policy: Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3.

Informatives

1. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received. This planning application has been the subject of positive and proactive discussions with the applicant. The decision to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in the NPPF is considered to be a positive outcome of these discussions.

2. Bats are a protected species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during the development, all works must stop immediately and an ecological consultant contacted for further advice before works can proceed. All contractors working on site should be made aware of the advice and provided with the contact details of a relevant ecological consultant.

3. Please note that if the works carried out depart from the scope of this planning permission and a retrospective application under Section 73A is subsequently required, there may be CIL liability implications. The scope of any retrospective planning application will cover the chargeable development for the purposes of CIL, this will include past works that are unauthorised and any additional future works included within the planning permission. If the total floorspace of these works is over 100sqm, they will be liable to pay CIL. In such cases, no CIL exemption can be claimed, and payment will become due immediately as development for which planning permission is granted under a subsequent Section 73A or Section 177(1) application must be treated as commencing on the day any such planning permission is granted. Any demolished floorspace will not be able to be considered for offsetting if the relevant building is not on the land on the day that the permission is granted.

4. The outline development hereby permitted is liable to pay the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Liability Notice issued by Wokingham Borough Council will state the current chargeable amount. A revised Liability Notice will be issued if this amount changes. Anyone can formally assume liability to pay, but if no one does so then liability will rest with the landowner. There are certain legal requirements that

must be complied with. For instance, whoever will pay the levy must submit an Assumption of Liability form and a Commencement Notice to Wokingham Borough Council prior to commencement of development, failure to do this will result in penalty surcharges being added. For more information see the

Council's website - Community Infrastructure Levy advice page. Please submit all CIL forms and enquiries to

developer.contributions@wokingham.gov.uk.

5. This permission should be read in conjunction with the legal agreements for the outline planning permission ref 223458 under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act that relate to the site, the contents of which relate to this development.

6. Any works/events carried out either by, or at the behest of, the developer, whether they are located on, or affecting a prospectively maintainable highway, as defined under Section 87 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, or on or affecting the public highway, shall be coordinated under the requirements of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and the Traffic management Act 2004 and licensed accordingly in order to secure the expeditious movement of traffic by minimising disruption to users of the highway network in Wokingham.

7. The attention of the applicant is drawn to the requirements of Section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 in respect of the minimisation of noise on construction and demolition sites. Application, under Section 61 of the Act, for prior consent to the works, can be made to the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager.

8. Any incidental works affecting the adjoining highway shall be approved by, and a licence obtained from, the Highways Inspector, Highway Assets, Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1WL, telephone number 0118 9746000, before any development is commenced.



Recommendation and conditions/reasons agreed:

Date: 18.09.26

REMEMBER - The earliest date for a decision on this application is: **15 May 2026**