



MAPPERLEY

GOLF CLUB

BULLETIN is a newsletter produced by the General Committee to keep the membership of MGC up to date with Gedling Borough Council's development plans and where we stand in relation to the housing proposals and how they affect the Club and Course

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Planning for the Future -whatever it brings

The Mapperley Golf Club Steering Committee met on Tuesday 27th September to discuss our situation and consider what steps if any we can take at this point. As everyone is aware, our strategy is to remain neutral towards the proposals at this stage. However, whatever happens we need to have plans in place for the future of the Club and in the best interests of the members now and over the decades to come.

The initial Consultation period ends on October 3rd, and we hope that all members, who wish to, have taken the opportunity to let Gedling Borough Council know how they feel about the proposals.

Clearly, the plan will either go on to the next stage or it won't. If these plans do not go forward and MGC stays put, we are determined that the Club should not be placed in this situation again in the foreseeable future, and we will be working closely with our legal advisors and the Council to see how best to achieve that.

If, on the other hand, we are in a situation where we have to move to a new course, it is clearly our responsibility to get the very best on behalf of our members and for the future of the Club. We have taken a first step in inviting two top quality golf course designers to come in to meet with the Steering Committee so that they can advise us on the process, the latest thinking on golfing facilities design and to help us appreciate what is involved in developing and establishing a new course, if we need one. One of the designers has knowledge of a similar project to ours, where an entire club has been moved, and we look forward to his insights.

What Do You Want?

This may seem premature, but if the decision is to move, we need to start thinking about what we need. We will all have our own opinions about what facilities we would look for in any new course and new clubhouse, but we have started



drawing up an outline specification for both 'House' and 'Greens'. Now, we want your views. Given a free hand, what features would you want to see in any new Club? We have discussed the introduction of improved practice and coaching facilities, maybe even a few short practice holes. We have begun

to think about the clubhouse and what facilities we would need. What about the course itself? Please let us know what you would want to see, **IF** we have to move. Contact us through the blog, Facebook, by feedback card or letter, or email Mick Mulhern, secretary@mapperleygolfclub.org.

Nottingham Post Public Meeting

Also on the 27th September, The Nottingham Post held a public meeting at the Richard Herrod Centre attended by 300 people including some MGC members. For the record, Ken Shaw and Mick Mulhern were invited to take part. The General Committee's judgement was that there was no benefit to the Golf Club in doing so, and that it would probably degenerate into a party political fight. By all accounts, so it proved. We will contribute to discussion and debate where there is a benefit in doing so, but we don't want to be drawn into a public slanging match.