

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A GOLF DRIVING BAY AT SILKSTONE
GOLF CLUB, BARNSELY**

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

With a focus on providing better sporting facilities for members and visitors, Silkstone Golf Club is upgrading its golf practice range with the provision of a purpose-built structure located at the south-eastern corner of the range.

The practice ground has been a well used feature of the facilities for many years and is integral to the enjoyment of the course which itself was extensively redesigned around 15 years ago.

The practice ground is managed by the Club and safety rules dictate that golfers must play from set positions at the southern edge of the range. Currently there are several open tee positions where golfers hit from artificial turf mats. There are no covered or enclosed positions or bays at present.

Previous safety related measures included the erection of a safety fence under the below mentioned planning consent:

Application Number: 2008/1215

Application Type: Full

Decision Letter Date: 10/09/2008

Decision Status: Final Decision

Decision Type: Approve with Conditions

Development Description: Increase height of an existing perimeter mesh safety fence from 5m to 8m in height and from 50m to 67m in length.

Development Address: Silkstone Golf Club, Field Head, Elmhirst Lane, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4LD

Officer: Georgina Brayford

Received Date: 29/07/2008

Registered Date: 04/08/2008

The club is looking to erect a timber framed building with a concrete base, clad externally on three sides by green tanalised timber and having a corrugated metal covered a sloping roof. An example of a timber built 3 bay golf driving facility is shown below for illustrative purposes only.



The proposed building will have an external footprint of 10m x 5m and a ground to roof line measurement of 4m at the front and 2.4 m at the rear. Drawings are provided showing the proposed building.

The impact on the proposed building on the existing landscape is considered to be minimal, being positioned quite close to both the existing 'built' part of the golf club and neighbouring residences. The view from these residences is screened by existing hedging and by the basic orientation of the respective buildings. The building will not in our opinion detract from any views across the landscape from public footpaths or distant dwellings.

Silkstone Golf Club hope for a favourable decision which will allow investment in the bay that will support the teaching professional and members, allowing tuition and practice to take place in all weathers and generally enhancing facilities. English Golf Union are supporting the proposal by funding the development to help encourage the uptake of golf.

Summary of key points:

Process

Location chosen as part of existing practice ground having regard to direction of strike, safety and proximity to existing clubhouse and professional's shop.

Use

Golf practice by members and teaching facility for Club professionals.

Extent and scale

The three sided covered building includes 3 separate driving bay positions.
Building size 10 m x 5m x 4 m (max)

Scale is in keeping with the area and appropriate.

Layout

Chosen to optimise the use of the site.

Landscaping

None required as screened by existing hedgerows and natural lie of the land

Appearance

Finished in green timber cladding to best blend with surroundings.

Access

Via the existing tarmac surfaced area forming the club car park and course access.