

HELSEBY GOLF CLUB

GREENS POLICY DOCUMENT

Title	Course Development Plan
Reference	14.1 Version 1
Date	December 2017
Owner	COG

1 Scope

This document will form the basis of changes that are undertaken to the structure of any hole or area that will have a direct bearing on the upkeep or appearance of the golf course. This document will not detail any specifications for maintenance of the course e.g. grass cut heights etc. but will simply outline in brief detail what is proposed and a time window for completion of the work. Recognising that changes might take place, for example for finance, weather etc. related reasons.

2 Summary

Course Infrastructure: To ensure that, that we have is fit for purpose. Includes facilities for accommodation for the greens staff and their equipment, irrigation, paths, course furniture and general support functions.

Course Development: Enhance the playing experience and visual appearance for members, guests & visitors alike. Changes to the actual course will include, such items for example as extension to tees, addition or removal of bunkers, planting or thinning of trees or changes that will have a direct bearing on playing the game. Taking into account: Knowledge of the greens staff, previous experience of course work, reports such as those carried out by: Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) - 2007, Course Architect - 2008, Tree survey - 2003, Arboriculture Survey of poplars - 2013. Together with that contained in the Greens Policy and the proposed greens rebuild programme of 2017. Any developments are to give requisite consideration of the environment on & around the course.

Development Costs: The cost of carrying out any developments will be assessed before commencement of any work and any developments that cannot be completed within the annual budget agreed by Management will not proceed until the funds are available.

Course Development Review: To be carried out annually and items completed will be reviewed with any new issues added. The reviewed document will then form the basis of the next five years of changes that are forecast for the course. The document will also provide a basis for continuity when a new Greens Chairman or any other changes to staff could affect the golf course. Regular updates will be provided to the membership.

Course Maintenance: This document does not include any routine maintenance issues, but does include those infrastructure and course issues directly associated with providing items or changes to aid in the maintenance of the course.

3 Specific Items

- Tees: Generally improve quality of the turf and ensure a firm even surface, which will require the use of additional feed & dressing. Address shade from adjacent trees. Four yards required behind tee marker for re-measurement in 2020.
- Fairways & Rough: Identify more areas where long 'wispy' grass is allowed to flourish.
- Bunkers: Rebuild on a maintenance needs basis or to reduce their size & 'gather-in' stray shots
- Greens: Progress re-build programme as per Greens Policy 13.1 incl. Rebuild practice putting green 2018/19.
- Trees: Manage in accordance with Greens Policy 9.1

3.1 Hole by hole

<u>Hole</u>		<u>Change</u>	<u>Reason/Comment</u>	<u>Benefit</u>
1	Bunkers	Reduce size of front/RHS green side bunker	Too large & doesn't gather	Reduced maintenance cost & quicker to rake
	Green	Rebuild - 30 yards further back (2026/27)	Architects suggestion. Improved drainage.	Improved first hole. Level above surrounding ground.
2	Tees	Develop winter option encompassing blue & red tees	Small teeing area which is congested	Better manage wear & tear
4	Bunker	Install pot bunker to RHS of green		
5	Bunkers	Rebuild those on fairway (*2)	Maintenance	
	Green	Rebuild - 20 yards to left (2024/25)	Architects suggestion. Improved drainage.	Reduce chance of errant tee shots from 2 nd . Level above surrounding ground.
6	Green	Rebuild & raise (2020/21) – Remove RHS oak tree in 2019/20	Architects suggestion. Improved drainage.	Level above surrounding ground.
7	Bunkers	Re rivet those on fairway (*3)	Maintenance	
8	Green	Rebuild & raise (2022/23)	Architects suggestion. Improved drainage.	Level above surrounding ground.
	Tee (Red)	Review its condition	Not as good as others	
9	Tees	Join red tee to front of yellow	Larger area available	
10	Bunker	On RHS at far end of fairway	Delineate end of fairway	
	Tee (Red)	Review its condition	Not as good as others	
11	Tee	Bring new white tee into play	More variability of par 3 yardages	Balance lost yardage from course re-measurement in 2020
	Bunkers	Install pot bunker to RHS of green		
		Rebuild greenside bunker on LHS	Too large & doesn't gather	Reduced maintenance cost & quicker to rake
	Green	Extend 5m forward	In conjunction with new white tee - architects suggestion.	
12	Tee	Enlarge backwards approx. 10 - 15 yards	Allow winter tee to be further back	Take green out of range in summer & winter
	Bunker	LHS greenside bunker	Readily fills with water	Improve drainage
13	Bunker	Rebuild/reduce size of green side bunkers	Too large & don't gather	Reduced maintenance cost & quicker to rake
14	Bunkers	Rebuild/reduce size of green side bunkers	Too large & don't gather	Reduced maintenance cost & quicker to rake
		Fairway oaks?	Monitor their health	
		Thin out on RHS of turn		
15	Tee	Planting on LHS from tee onwards		
		Irrigate white or Take white out of play, as recommended by architect	Improved quality of turf Safety	
	Tree	Fairway oak	Monitor its health	
16	Fairway / Tough	Soften/lower mounds in front of green	Green not visible	Better presentation of hole for second shot
17	Bunkers	Potential fairway bunker on LHS at bend	Frame turn to left – as per architect	
	Trees	Remove poplars on LHS of fairway	Soon to reach age when susceptible to weather damage	Could close Towers Lane
		Oaks in front of green	Monitor their health	

3.2 General

- **Irrigation:** Tees on front nine - envisaged as a two-stage process, evaluate need after a dry summer.
- **Drainage:** An ongoing need: Either implement a major 'all-course' project or 'bit-by-bit' each winter e.g. Front/RHS of 4th green = v wet, LHS of 14th fairway at corner = v wet. Put ditch on LHS of 10th fairway into effective use. Area between 16th & 17th fairways. Consider more use of open ditches.
- **Ponds:** Make more of a feature (open up & extend e.g. LHS of 10th, LHS 15th, RHS 2nd - 'JCB' dredging). Combine those on RHS 14th.
- **Practice facility:** Drainage? Rebuild green/bunker & provide with irrigation water, additional targets. Short game facility on 'old area'.
- **Pathways:** Develop: 17th green to 18th tee, 10th tee walk-off, front of 16th winter tee.
- **Green keepers compound:** Ensure needs for greens staff & equipment are met.
- **Boundary fence:** Make good where needed e.g. that with Towers Lane