

All Members

Here is the latest on the proposed closure of the Golf Courses

Public Consultation

The public consultation is in progress, what we have decided to do is ask all members and their friends and family to complete the survey on paper NOT online. We feel that we have more control over what is being submitted by having paper questionnaires, we know that all these copies will be supporting keeping the Golf Courses open.

Paper copies of the survey are now available in the clubhouse, can we ask that you take as many as you need get them completed and then return all completed questionnaires back to the club.

The Golf Club feel that the questions are very biased in the councils favour.

Each question has a free form text box asking "Please give reasons for your answer" in this box can you please provide a statement saying why you want golf to remain at Temple Newsam.

e.g.

"I want golf to remain at Temple Newsam because" or

"I would like to see the golf course remodelled not closed".

Please complete the text boxes for all questions because the questions are so ambiguous we have to use the text boxes to get our message across!

We have produced a one page flyer "Save your local Golf Course" this will accompany the questionnaires.

The public consultation closes at the end of March but we need the completed copies well before that date so we can go down to Civic Hall and make a public statement by handing all the questionnaires at the council offices and maybe to Mr Flesher himself.

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING TO HELP SAVE GOLF AT TEMPLE NEWSAM MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THE WHOLE FUTURE WILL DEPEND ON THE RESULTS OF THIS CONSULTATION / QUESTIONNAIRE.

Rallying the Troops!

Leeds City Council have planned a drop in public consultation event on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 February 2020, from 11am to 3pm in Temple Newsam Courtyard, next to the shop and tea rooms.

We need to make sure we have members present on both days between 11am to 3pm at this event so that we can lobby the public, point out the discrepancies in the councils proposal and emphasis the fact the Golf can still exist alongside the new facilities the council want to provide.

Can you please try and be available to be at one of these events for an hour or two, there will be a sheet going up on the notice board to try and form a rota so that we have a good presence throughout the duration of this event on both days.

The show of strength at the Executive Council meeting and the Full Council meeting in October and November had a massive effect and we need to do it again.

The Clubs View point on tackling this challenge

We have accepted that retaining 27 holes is not an option.

Therefore we are campaigning to have an 18 hole golf course (2 loops of 9). We are currently writing our own proposal which will be available soon which we will be presenting to Parks and Countryside representatives and Leeds City Councillors in the next couple of weeks. If we are successful in retaining golf we could have 2 X 9 holes golf courses both starting and finishing at the clubhouse. When playing all 18 holes, this course will be less physical than the existing layout, be easier and quicker to get round, and also the bonus of a café situated in the clubhouse.

The Club Website

I have added information on the clubs website www.templenewsamgolf.co.uk, please have a look there is more information on the website. From the home page you will see a header “Potential course closure” look at the sections under this header.

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