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Dear

Re: Golf provision in the Kirklees Area

As you may be aware, the draft Local Plan proposals for Kirklees which were the subject of public consultation in late 2015/early 2016 included the possibility of the land currently occupied by Bradley Park Golf Club being made available for future housing development at some point over the 15 year time period which the Plan would cover.

At present the Council is reflecting on comments received during the public consultation with a view to developing a version of the Local Plan reflecting the latest information available to the Council's decision making process later in 2016.

From a Sports Development perspective it is important that we are prepared for any eventuality and I am, therefore, writing to you in order to better understand the golfing offer that your club provides. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could answer the following questions with as much detail and clarity as possible.

- 1) Does your club have capacity to accommodate an increase in the numbers of golfers seeking to play at your course? If so, roughly how many additional golfers could you reasonably accommodate?
- 2) Is there a requirement for anyone wishing to play on your course to be a member or do you cater for golfers to play on an occasional 'pay as you play' basis?
- 3) What categories of membership do you currently offer? Are you still accepting new members? Do you have any discounted or promotional membership offers?
- 4) Are there any conditions or limitations attached to 'pay as you play golf'? In particular:
 - Do participants have to hold a handicap?
 - Do they have to be signed in by an existing member?
 - Are there limits on the number of times someone can play on this basis?
 - Are there restrictions on the times and / or days that people can play on this basis?
 - Are there dress code requirements?
 - Please advise of any other restrictions or conditions for 'pay as you play' golf

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- 5) Are there any particular categories of golf / golfer that you are particularly trying to attract?
- 6) How do you cater for people who are new to golf?
- 7) Would you be willing to work with the Council and / or other providers to develop options for accommodating all categories of golfer should the need arise?

I appreciate you taking the time to respond to this request. I would be grateful if you could send your responses to me either by post using the enclosed postage paid envelope, or by email to: XXXX **by Friday 19th August.**

I would stress that no final decisions have been taken about the Local Plan and responding to this request will not in any way constrain your future ability to express your views about any potential impact of the final Local Plan proposals on Bradley Park Golf course. Your responses to this letter will be kept anonymous and will only be used for the purposes of helping me to understand what sports development work may need to take place, and who may have capacity or be interested in being involved in any such development work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further.

Yours faithfully

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