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To: Planning Policy Vale
Cc: Diane McKenna-Rhead
Subject: Proposed safe guarded land across Drayton Park GC

Dear Andrew

Thank you for your time today. It was very helpful for myself and the representatives from Drayton Park to understand your plans regarding safe guarding land.

As discussed, we would like to recommend a change to your proposed plan for the new Milton Park direct access road.

The proposed safe guarded land would disable the use of holes 9 & 10 and would therefore render our 18 hole course useless and out of business.

For those of you who don't play golf it is equivalent to removing the goal posts from one end of a rugby or football pitch and asking the players to continue to play a normal game.

We therefore wish to propose and recommend that you change the area of the safe guarding to release the 9th & 10th holes from future plans. This would mean you move the boundary approximately 250yds further south towards the Milton Interchange.

We are a golf club that welcomes the public to come and pay & play as well as offering memberships. As a result, we've been able to offer golf to the wider community by engaging in the 'Get in to Golf' programme as well as being a stalwart in the BB&O calendar for junior golfers which has recently been recognised through a funding scheme. Our recent successes through the junior programme include Eddie Pepperell who is a top 50 player on the European tour (142nd in the world), we have Ellie Phillips who was voted young player of the year in Oxfordshire 2017 and Elizabeth Ball who is tipped to be the next big thing.

The fact that we have built an excellent facility and club on what used to be a landfill site shows our dedication to the local community and the local environment. As part of the environment we are currently recognised by BBONT as a designated area for water voles. The uncertainty surrounding the plans is already having a negative impact on members and visiting players so your reassurance and urgency would be greatly appreciated so that we can then communicate to the club and to potential members and visitors from the science vale area and the new local housing developments.

We hope the above and our comments during our meeting demonstrate our case on the impact this would be on our business, the local community and the local environment.

Regards
Diane McKenna-Rhead
Director of Drayton Park Golf Club