

KHGC GOLF ACADEMY

KHGC Management Team would like to inform members about a possible project being looked at involving our existing practice field.

A number of local golf courses such as Sherborne, Stoneham and Yeovil have successfully completed landfill development projects. This involves working with a local waste management company who deposit approved landfill material, e.g. soil, bricks, building rubble etc, not general rubbish such as fabrics, plastics or metals, onto the agreed site and thereafter reinstate it with top soil and grass.

This development can then be anything from golf course enhancements to the provision of a golf driving range. The waste management company pay the golf club to deposit this waste thus generating a useful revenue to the golf club's finances.

KHGC has identified our existing practice field and surrounding area as a possible site for such a landfill project.

Once landfill has been completed the area would be developed as a driving range and golfing academy providing facilities for professional teaching including short game facilities.

This project is at a very early stage. We are currently looking at the feasibility of implementing such a project.

The first and biggest hurdle is to get planning permission, not easy with the area being so close to Canford Heath.

If we cannot get planning permission the project is, then abandoned. If, however we do get planning permission then we move onto the next stage of selecting a suitable waste management contractor to work with and to develop a design concept.

If successful, this would be a long-term project. The planning and environmental work could take up to one year to complete. Then if successful the work on site would be phased over possibly 3-4 years.

As we move forward with this proposed project, we will keep members informed.

Maurice Randall – Chairman Project Sub-Committee