

Non-Technical Summary

1. This document has been produced to support a Bespoke Permit application for Recovery of inert wastes to be used in the improvement of the golf driving range at High Post Golf Club. The Club is close to the High Post junction of the main road between Salisbury and Amesbury (A345). The development site extends in total to around 4.9ha.
2. High Post Golf Club (HPGC) was founded in 1922 and currently has 593 members. This includes over 100 ladies, a rapidly increasing junior section and many senior golfers. The Club currently employs 12 members of staff.
3. Additional land was purchased in 1964 to create the 18 hole downland course and in 1975 the Club purchased land to allow the creation of a practice ground, comprising a putting green, pitching area and driving range.
4. The driving range now comprises a number of covered and external bays and a state of the art teaching studio. These facilities are well used by members with local non-members golfers being able to access the facility for professional coaching. Without doubt the current practice facility is one of the best in the region and helps attract those new to golf as well as golfers from other clubs.
5. Recent advances in club and ball design have meant that players are now able to hit the ball further, which is causing a number of issues highlighted below. These issues will be compounded by the proposed increase in use of the practice facility. The maximum distance a ball can be struck and kept in play is 200 meters, which for the more competent golfers is very restrictive and results in balls being lost in the field beyond.
6. Across the range there are a number of small undulations, which can make collecting the balls with a motorised machine challenging without damaging the range surface. To eliminate the low spots, the main area of the driving range will be re-graded with a slight upward slope, which will help to reduce the runoff of the balls. The end of the range will comprise an earth bank to act as a cut off and prevent the loss of balls.
7. Additionally, the practice area will be improved and made safer by the inclusion of banks. Whilst one side of the range is bounded by an arable field and the risk to the farm relatively low, the left hand side of the range runs parallel to the members car park and the "C" class road to the Winterbournes. Over the years there has been a number of near misses to both car park users

- and property. Creating earth banks along these boundaries will reduce the risk of property damage and personal injury.
8. A Waste Recovery Plan has been prepared and approved for the work and this also accompanies this Bespoke Application. The WRP confirms that in the region of 220,000 tonnes of material will be utilised at an estimated 100,000 tonnes per annum.
 9. The Hydrogeological Risk Assessment has considered that the wastes to be utilised will be inert only and has concluded this to be acceptable. Additionally, an Environmental Risk Assessment is provided, an Environmental Management Plan and Environmental Setting and Site Design (ESSD) report and a Site Condition Report all accompany the application.
 10. The Environmental Management System sets out the measures that will be take to contain any potential emissions form the facility such as noise or dust. Additionally it describes the procedures in place to ensure that incoming waste will be inert, and the measures in place in the event of an environmental accident or incident.
 11. No Habitats Assessment is required as the site is more than 1000m from any European Designated site or SSSI and no risk has been identified from the proposals.
 12. A Dust Emissions Management plan is not required as the assessment of risk in the ERA has concluded that there will be no unmitigated risk to sensitive properties. There are no residential receptors within 500m, all are more than 1000m from the proposed area. The Management System for the site does include measures to manage dust.
 13. A Noise Management Plan has not been submitted for the same reasons; the ERA has not identified any significant risk of noise from the activities at any sensitive receptor which are more than 1000m from the proposed area. The Management System for the site does include measures to manage noise.
 14. The operations carried out in this development meet the criteria for a Standard Rules and had the total tonnage required been less, the site would have followed this route and the risks would have been deemed acceptable through the SR. The additional material that has given rise to the need to seek a bespoke Permit has no significant impact on the acceptability of the works or the risk that would arise.

15. Further Information required in the application form A5c

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