

## **24/00353/FUL - Bowring Park Golf Club, Roby Road, Roby, Knowsley, L36 4HD**

### **Additional Information and Response to Queries**

#### **Biodiversity Net Gain Statement:**

To achieve the mandatory 10% biodiversity net gain, we have included a range of targeted biodiversity enhancements in the development plan for Bowring Park and Golf Course. While the initial report shows our results as a biodiversity loss of 0.06 units (baseline 1.50 units reduced to 1.44 units), our additional measures compensate for this and now achieve a net gain. These measures include planting 4 new trees, introducing 0.0165 hectares of woodland wildflowers, and enhancing the condition of 10 existing trees through deadwood removal. Of the existing trees, 4 rated as "Poor" will be improved to "Moderate," and 6 rated as "Fair" will be enhanced to "Good." Together, these enhancements contribute an additional 0.918 biodiversity units, raising the total post-development biodiversity value to 2.358 units. This exceeds the baseline of 1.50 units and surpasses the required 10% net gain target of 1.65 units. Hopefully these interventions will demonstrate to you our commitment to supporting local biodiversity and delivering sustainable development.

#### **KMBC Queries addressed:**

##### **Why is there a need for additional buildings?**

Although there is some space available in the loft, it is not enough to meet the needs of the large number and wide range of enquiries we receive, whether that's for children's and baby groups, private parties, or fitness sessions that need an indoor option in wetter weather. By constructing the proposed Park House, we can offer a dedicated and flexible year-round venue for these community activities. The space will also provide our volunteers with a comfortable area to store personal belongings, take breaks, and enjoy refreshments after their work.

Relocating the golf reception onto the lawn solves the issues of its current placement by putting it much closer to the first tee, enhancing convenience for visitors. This new reception facility will also allow space for a larger golf shop and a dedicated room for the golf club to hold AGMs, ensuring Bowring Park can continue meeting the evolving needs of its community and remain a vibrant destination for all.

**Conserving the Heritage of the Site?**

The proposed developments at Bowring Park have been carefully designed to compliment the site's unique historical character and natural surroundings. We have chosen materials such as timber to ensure the new buildings integrate seamlessly with the existing landscape. These structures have been intentionally designed with flexibility in mind, allowing for easy adaptation to the park's evolving needs. The Park House, golf reception, and buggy storage facility will be built on concrete pad foundations, which can be removed if necessary in the future, ensuring minimal long-term impact. Importantly, the designs have been planned to preserve the vista across the golf course, maintaining the visual integrity of the site while accommodating the growing demands of the community.

**Accessibility?**

Where possible, the new spaces have been designed to be fully accessible, incorporating ramps in any areas where level thresholds cannot be achieved. Unfortunately, due to cost restrictions, a lift cannot be installed to reach the first floor of the Park House. However, any scheduled activities taking place there will be replicated in another part of the park that is accessible to all visitors. This approach ensures that everyone can participate in events and enjoy the facilities.