

**EMAIL RECEIVED FROM ALAN CREBER, CLUB SECRETARY OF
LAUNCESTON GOLF CLUB ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2020**

Hi Andy,

Hope you and the family are keeping well.

I'm glad that you have sent out the SSRA email regarding our application, I was hoping to speak to you about it but haven't got a number for you. If we had been in normal times we would have let the Association know of our intentions through one of your regular meetings and I apologise to you and all the residents for not letting you know in advance what we were looking to do.

You will have seen the plans I guess. To give some background:

The Club is not overly blessed financially and we are looking at options to raise capital to survive for a reasonable length of time, therefore we decided to explore the option of planning permission for part of our land. The area we selected had been under discussion by Management committees of the club for some years and was seen as the only area we could potentially raise capital from without impacting too much on the car parking area we need. We felt that we needed to explore this possibility rather than risking the loss of the club at some point down the line.

On the subject of car parking I see that an objection has been raised on the Council planning site regarding our having to use more of the surrounding roads should the application go through. This should not be the case as we have negotiated permission from our landlord (you probably realise we only own the clubhouse and car park) to use part of the existing course area for car parking and effectively we would generate more spaces than we will lose should the development go ahead.

I would like to tackle other points raised in that objection: one being that we will remove established trees for the development, there are eight that would be affected, four of which are leylandii type firs which were planted as a windbreak to protect the others. The Club is committed to replacing any trees removed on a two for one basis on the course on top of any other planting we do.

The objector has also mention the style of the properties in the plan as not being in keeping, but our architect took great very care to ensure that they were what he felt was in line with local development.

The issue is also raised about a blind corner, I assume this means the corner by the entrance down to Gallows Hill, the developments will not replace any of our existing buildings already on that corner if that is the one concerned and there will be an element of verge retained so sight lines on the corner coming out from the club onto the roads should not be affected greatly.

I am more than happy for these comments to be shared with the residents association including those about our reason for trying to raise capital, I'm sure residents who use our facilities will appreciate that in this turbulent time we have to do as all businesses do and try to ensure survival both for our members and for residents who use the facilities.

We have had a great relationship with the Association and miss having your meetings here and hopefully when the world returns to normal we can resume that relationship again.

If there are any further questions I will happily try to answer them.

Kind regards

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