

Open Space Assessment

Erection of a golf ball stop netting measuring 7.4 metres in height
and 30 metres in length

**STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB,
WELLESLEY ROAD, TWICKENHAM,
TW2 5SD**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Open Space Assessment has been prepared by MZA Planning on behalf of our client in response to Paragraph 103 of the NPPF (2023) and in support of the associated planning application for the erection of a golf ball stop netting measuring 7.4 metres in height and 30 metres in length at Strawberry Hill Golf Club.

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- 2.1. The total area of Strawberry Hill Golf Club is circa 100 acres (40.47 acres). This includes the golf course, practice facilities and club house.
- 2.2. Other than the clubhouse, there are no other buildings and/or structures sited on the golf course. The photographs in **Appendix 1** show the flatted nature of the open space characterised by trees, hedgerows, and well-mown grass.
- 2.3. The proposed development is for the erection a golf ball stop netting to prevent golf balls from travelling over onto a neighbouring site (St James' Catholic Primary School). The netting will measure 30 metres in length and 7.4 metres in height. The proposal is essential for health and safety reasons (as outlined in more detail in the enclosed Very Special Circumstances case).
- 2.4. Considering the location of the proposed golf ball stop netting (as identified in the enclosed Site Location Plan) and noting the site area of the proposal (3 sqm), the golf ball stop netting will not obscure views across the golf course, nor will it detrimentally impact the nature of the existing open space.
- 2.5. The proposal represents a tiny fragment of the circa 100-acre golf course and will not disturb the high-quality open space within the Metropolitan Open Land.

- 2.6. It is concluded, therefore, that the proposal will have an acceptable impact on the high-quality open space within the Metropolitan Open Land.

APPENDIX 1

Photographs of the existing open space at Strawberry Hill
Golf Club, Wellesley Road, Twickenham, TW2 5SD



