Appendix 1

Background to Golf Club Proposal

This statement has been provided to the Council by Craigie Hill Golf Club "Craigie Hill Golf Club was first established in 1911 and is situated in the Cherrybank area of Perth. Unfortunately, over the last 15 years, Craigie Hill Golf Club has been challenged by the decline in amateur participation in golf across Scotland. Falling membership in tandem with an irreversible ageing of those existing members has resulted in a financially challenging time for the Club. The Club has experienced falling membership and reduced revenue for a number of years and is now in a critical state regarding its long term future. The club has now taken the brave decision to register as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) which we see will give the club custodians the resources, flexibility, and certainty to plan longer term in a strategic manner. This includes looking at and investing in community facilities that are accessible, affordable, available, inclusive, and fit for purpose; pushing community clubs to be seen as part of local community fabric. In essence, moving the club from being for members alone to being an integral part of the surrounding community. Craigie Hill has always been a local club for local people in Perth and has a loyal membership. However, it was recognised by these loyal members that there was a need for change to save the club and its heritage for the south Perth community. The club started to look at how they could become a new and attractive location and keep golf while expanding its offering to other sports and community users. The key to long-term security is to allow the northern edge (the hill) to become a development site and concentrate on the flatter southern ground, the Buckie Braes woodland and the clubhouse to redevelop the whole sporting offering and secure the heritage of Craigie Hill for all to enjoy. In the hope of improving its offering to the local community, Craigie Hill Golf Club has enlisted Kilmac to support the club's refurbishment and redevelopment. Our enabling redevelopment plans include the proposed reconfiguration of the existing golf course from 18 holes to 9 holes, redevelopment of existing clubhouse to create a new sporting community hub for golf, mountain biking, other sports, and leisure uses with associated car parking and the erection of circa 200 residential dwellings to allow the development to proceed on a commercially viable basis. This will also include landscaping, woodland planting and an amenity space, along with upgraded site access and footpath/cycle provision. It is our wish that the revival of Craigie Hill will further the legacy of the club to be enjoyed by generations to come, all of which will benefit residents and visitors to Perth long into the future"



The plan shows an approximate layout of the proposed housing and golf course areas.

Further details on the proposed development and Craigie Hill Golf Club's future plans are available on the club's website at www.craigiehill.co.uk

Three other private landowners in the area also own areas of land that will be required to enable the construction of the new access road. The Club are also seeking to agree the grant of servitude rights from these landowners.