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Donabate Golf Club

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Re: proposed development of practice facilities at Donabate Golf Club

Below is our synopsis and estimate pricing of the proposed development at the golf club.



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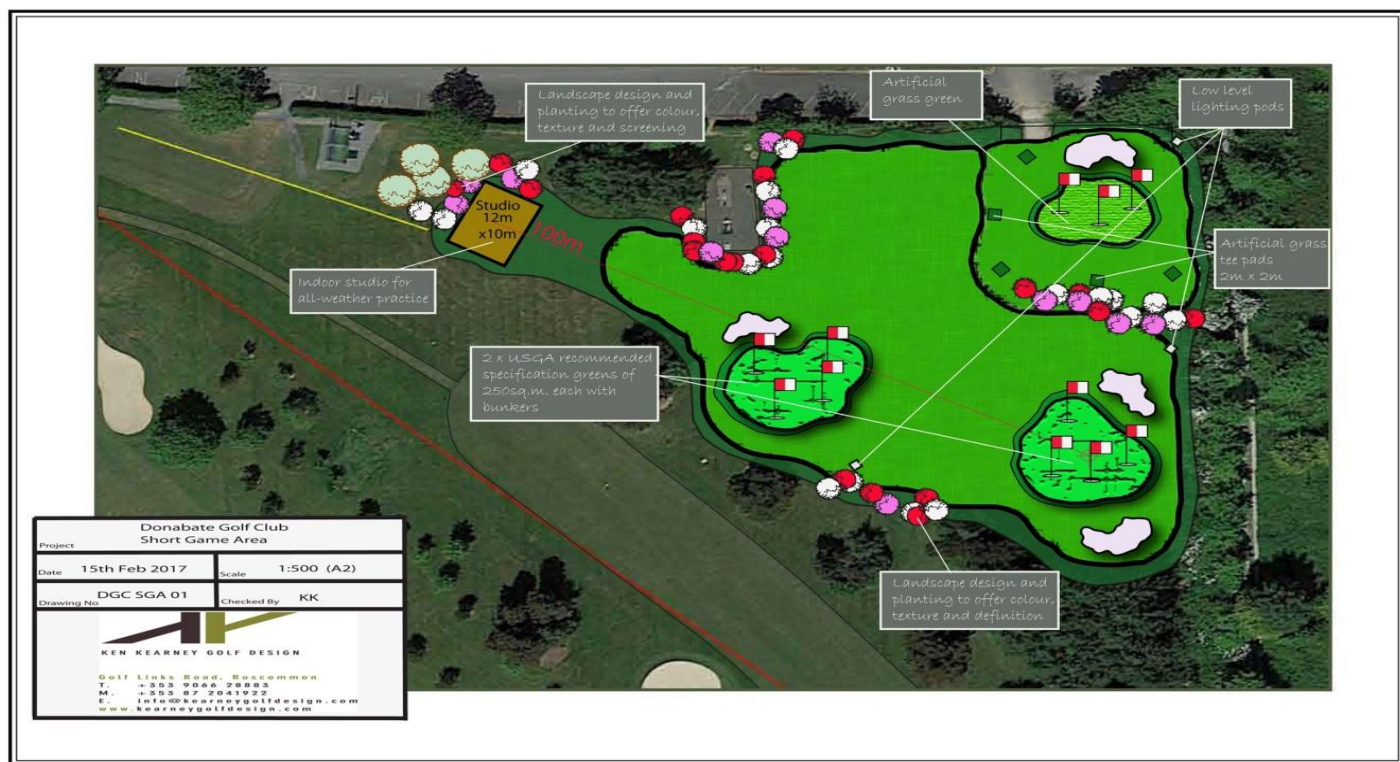
Short Game Area

The site is currently unused and suitable for the proposed development to a short game area. The area will be suitable for introducing beginners to the game of golf. It will offer small practice greens of 250sq.m. each and associated bunkers and a myriad of shot options. The area will be entirely suitable for introducing complete beginners of all abilities. The general contouring of the lands will be relatively flat, with soft grades so people with limited mobility, with their associated aids, will easily negotiate the area.

The area is so designed to also offer an area for the expert to practice their skills and it will prove an excellent area for groups to gather for golf training, or perhaps, general bonding.

Part of the proposal is to build an all-weather studio, where golfers can practice their shots from inside the studio via a roller door that will open at the front to allow shots to be played from artificial mats.

The final aspect to the short game area is to build an all-weather artificial grass green and 5 no artificial practice pads. The green complex will have one bunker and be otherwise seeded with rye/fescue grass. The artificial green complex will ensure that activity cannot be stopped by inclement weather.

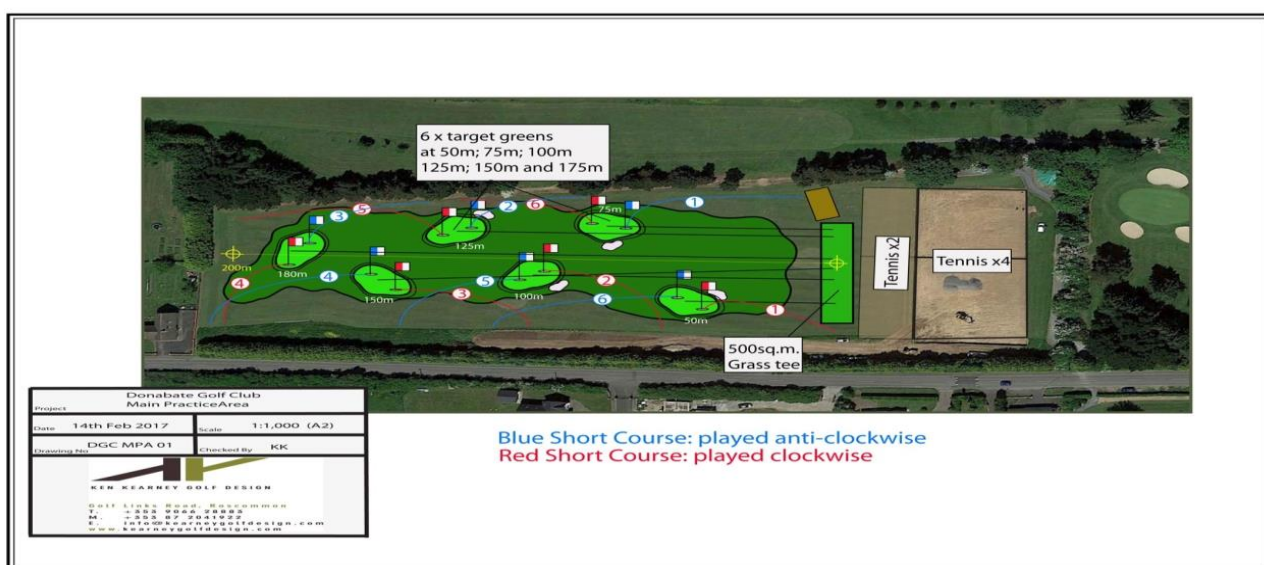


Main Practice Area

The main practice area offers the club a significant piece of ground that may be developed to introduce golfers to the game of golf and offer an area where other golfers can develop their skills.

The design proposes the development of a sand based tee complex extending to 500sq.m. where up to 10 golfers may use the space at any time. Additionally a practice shelter is proposed which may accommodate 3 – 4 golfers where they can strike golf balls off an artificial mat from a dry sheltered facility.

It is proposed to build 6 no target greens in this main practice area so that golfers may play their practice shots to an area that emulates the “real” golf course. This in itself is an excellent proposal for golfers but the real design advantage is that the target greens are so designed that the area can be played as a small 6 – 12 hole golf course. This area will prove highly attractive for beginner golfers, novices but particularly absolute first-time golfers who in the most part are intimidated by a full golf course. The proposed area will additionally offer an area where “older” folk can play the game. Again, when the walk of a full 9 holes or 18 holes is beyond them, a little 6 hole course, on flat terrain, will keep them active, provide the opportunity for fresh air and a little activity.



Phasing of Proposed Works (subject to funding)

Phase 1

- Development of 2 x short game greens in natural grasses and associated works
- All-weather studio
- Non-invasive Low-level lighting that will illuminate the green pads

Phase 2

- Target Greens Main Practice Area
- Tee Complex – Main Practice Area

Phase 3

- Artificial Green Complex
- Practice Shelter Main Practice Area

Yours sincerely,

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