

Luton

Stockwood Park Golf Centre Consultation

February 2021



Consultation Content - Members and Users



Background and context

Following a recent review of the Council's asset management plan, and as a direct consequence of the financial implications of Covid-19, the Council has had to investigate options to rationalise its leisure portfolio. To give context to this, the Council is drawing up potential savings due to a significant shortfall in its budget due to a collapse in passenger numbers at London Luton Airport Limited, which is a major source of income for the Council and revenue support for Active Luton. This is a unique situation facing the Council and compounds further the financial issues relating to the closure of leisure and community buildings during the Coronavirus shutdown periods.

Regrettably, it is clear to the Council that existing services cannot simply return to 'business as usual' in the coming months and that they need to consider changes, to protect priority and statutory services. As a direct result of the impact of the Coronavirus shutdown, the Council is focused particularly on the future operation of the Golf Centre at Stockwood Park. This includes the 18 hole course, the 9 hole course and the clubhouse building. The existing facilities require significant capital investment and present challenges in terms of revenue sustainability. Initial soft market testing was completed in 2020, with commercial golf operators, and interest in taking on the Golf Centre was very limited at the time.

As a result of the above, the Council recently took the decision to undertake public consultation on the potential closure of the Golf Centre before any decision is made on its future. It should be noted that this consultation relates only to the Golf Centre and not to the other existing facilities in Stockwood Park.

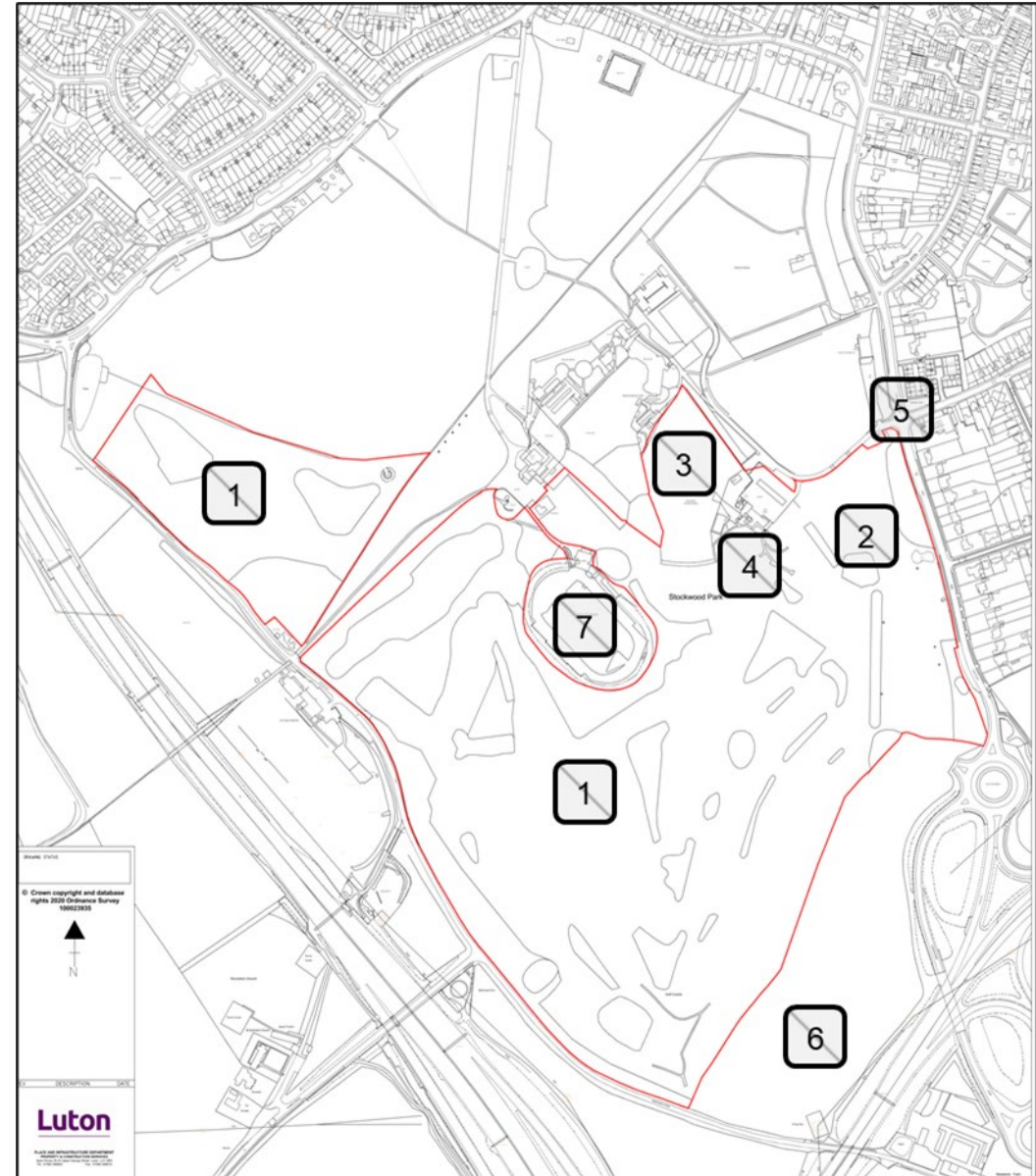
The Site

The approximate extent of Stockwood Park Golf Centre is shown within the redline boundary indicated on the opposite plan. This includes the following facilities:

1. Standard 18 hole golf course
2. 9 hole par 3 course
3. Practice range
4. Clubhouse facilities
5. Main entrance

In addition we have shown the location of Newlands Park and Stockwood Park Athletics Track

6. Newlands Park development site
7. Stockwood Park Athletics Site – excluded from the golf centre site.



What is the purpose of the consultation?

The purpose of this consultation is to engage with existing users of the Golf Centre to gain your views on closure of the site.

Why are we consulting?

The Council is undertaking this consultation to ensure that existing users and the community have an opportunity to provide their views on the potential closure and future options for the site and to inform decision making by the Council, alongside other considerations.

What are the timescales for consultation?

The consultation is planned to commence in February 2021 and to conclude in early March. The findings will be analysed and reported to the Council by the end of March 2021. Existing users will be the first to be consulted, followed by the local community and stakeholder organisations.

Invitation to provide your views

We would very much welcome your views on the future of Stockwood Golf Centre and we hope that you will take the opportunity to complete this short questionnaire, which should take about 10 minutes. Please click on the following link to access the online questionnaire, which will remain open for completion until 1 March.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Stockwood Park Golf Centre Consultation-Members Users](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Stockwood_Park_Golf_Centre_Consultation-Members_Users)

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