

The existing site is a Local Wildlife Site and it contains several different grassland types, including damp rush pasture and semi-improved neutral grassland (resembling MG4 and MG5 communities). Through management there is scope to create blocks of MG4 and MG5 grassland, both of which are threatened habitats in Warwickshire. Paths could be cut through the mosaic of grassland habitats allowing for public access.

An opportunity exists to install a focal element such as a sculpture of relevant design at this location where a number of footpaths converge. A map and interpretation material may also be located here as it is a junction that leads to the wider countryside to the west.

Ponds would have gently sloping sides with marginal vegetation. Paths would cross and circle the ponds and would include areas of boardwalk. Incorporated into the design would be wildlife and habitat interpretation boards, benches and bins and willow woven hide screens to allow for birdwatching.

Pond and wetland features would be created on the lower lying wetter areas of the site. These would provide additional habitat, a leisure and educational resource for the residents of Warwick and surrounding areas and an attractive feature for the racecourse. These habitat improvements would be low lying and include minimal tree planting to allow for views across the site from the grandstand to the track. There would be a small number of trees planted.

The multiple uses of these flood attenuation areas would be developed in consultation with the Environment Agency.

Bat and bird boxes and habitat piles could be introduced throughout the site

Redevelop driving range with fewer, wider bays and dedicated teaching bays with video technology. The driving range would be extended by pushing back and relandscaping the earth bund at the end of the range. A new distance marker would be introduced.

Improve club house to form a golf academy. This would include: larger clubhouse with cafe, bar and better changing facilities to attract golfers, families and walkers; small parking adjacent to club house; family adventure golf (1800m²); a short game practice area (grass or synthetic grass, with the possibility of floodlighting)

Area of touring caravan site to be approximately doubled. To include a circular access route and grass pitches. New tree and hedge planting would be planted on the boundaries with boundary planting opened up to allow access to the hill via existing definitive rights of way and to the golf club house at the driving range.

Proposed new native tree planting on the lower slopes of the hill provides an attractive setting to the touring caravan park, provides new habitat and extends the existing wooded area on the hill. The new planting will also provide an attractive view to people at the Racecourse site entrance.

A nursery/play centre and fitness gym could be located within the existing buildings.

The removal of buildings at the football club would make way for new pitches. Illustrated is a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA in orange) at 37m x 18.5m and an astroturf five-a-side pitch. Sizes can range between L25-50m and W16.5-35m. The pitch shown is 42m x 30m with a 2-3m run off. New facilities are closely associated with the existing sports ground, football club and football pitches within the racecourse track. They are also located on an footpath route.



KEY

-  Golf course
-  Driving range
-  Definitive footways (orange) and mown footways
-  Focal point
-  Benches and bins
-  Ponds/scrapes/wetland with associated boardwalks & hide
-  MUGA
-  Astroturf five a side pitches
-  Potential location for new 100 bed hotel at site entrance
-  Alternative hotel location
-  Existing and proposed trees
-  Drains
-  Family adventure golf and small car park

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PROJECT
Warwick Racecourse

TITLE
Masterplan

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