

# The Future of Brandhall Golf Course

The Council has been looking into the current use and condition of the golf course, as well as assessing how many local people play golf or want to play golf.

What we have found is that usage of Brandhall Golf Course has reduced significantly over recent years and memberships at the course are also much lower than expected. The course is in poor condition and would cost around £3 million to improve to an appropriate standard.

There are six other golf facilities in Sandwell, which include 18-hole, nine-hole and pitch and putt courses, and more than 30 further golf facilities within a 20-minute drive of Sandwell.

The Council is currently contributing £257,000 each year towards the running of the golf course, with the majority of golf members at Brandhall coming from outside of Sandwell.

Taking this into account, the Council is proposing that Brandhall Golf Course and club house are closed, and that the site be used to provide services and amenities that are of better use to your local community.

We have been looking into the local area's needs and have found that the top priorities include:

## **Public Open Space (Park)**

Oldbury and the ward of Old Warley have the lowest amount of public open space in Sandwell. The golf course is not considered public open space as its use is restricted. We would like to provide a significantly sized space that the local community have open access to, where families can be active. This could potentially be the size of Brunswick Park in Wednesbury and it would be the first major public park in Sandwell's 45-year history.

## **Brand-new school to replace Causeway Green Primary School**

As you may be aware, the school is in poor physical condition and it's a priority to replace it. The school was severely affected by flooding during excessive rainfall in May 2018, causing significant damage and disruption. The site has historically suffered with flooding and, despite additional drainage systems being installed, the site appears to continue to be vulnerable to possible flooding during periods of high rainfall.

## Housing for local people

There is a critical need for housing across Sandwell. This site would be ideal to help provide some of the houses that are needed. The site could have a mix of housing types for the local community including affordable housing, varying sizes and a mix of rental and privately-owned properties. This would provide a variety of housing options for local people.

These are our thoughts and proposals based upon extensive research, but we would now like to hear the thoughts of local people, especially from those who could be most affected by any future developments. That's why we are carrying out this public consultation, starting on 7 November, to include an online survey and a series of local 'drop-in' sessions where you can ask council officers questions about the proposals.

Please note proposals to develop the site would be subject to a detailed long-term masterplan for the area and planning permission, on which local people would be fully consulted before any decisions were taken.

Enquiries can also be sent to [brandhall\\_consultation@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:brandhall_consultation@sandwell.gov.uk)

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## About you...

Are you...?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

How old are you?

- Under 25
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 & over

Are your day to day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/not sure
- Prefer not to say

What is your postcode?

Which of the following groups do you consider you belong to?

- White - British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background
- Mixed - White & Black Caribbean
- Mixed - White & Black African
- Mixed - White & Asian
- Any other mixed background
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background
- Black - Caribbean
- Black - African
- Any other Black background
- Arab
- Any other background
- Prefer not to say

# Golf

Q1 How often do you use Brandhall Golf Course?

- Almost every day
- At least once a week
- About once a month
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last year
- Longer than a year ago
- Never

Q1a What for?

- To play golf
- Walk the dog
- Physical activity
- Other

Other, please specify

Q2 How often do you use Brandhall golf club house for social activities?

- Almost every day
- At least once a week
- About once a month
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last year
- Longer than a year ago
- Never

What for?

Q3 How often do you use the club shop?

- Almost every day
- At least once a week
- About once a month
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last year
- Longer than a year ago
- Never

What for?

Q4 Have you ever had a golf lesson(s) at Brandhall Golf Course?

- Yes  No

If yes, when was this?

- Within the last week
- Within the last month
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last year
- Longer than a year ago

Q5 If the golf course were to close, to what extent would this affect your everyday life?

- A great deal
- To some extent
- Not very much
- Not at all
- Don't know

If you said "a great deal" or "to some extent", how would this affect you?

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# Public Open Space

Q6 How important is it to you to have a park in your local community?

A great deal

To some extent

Not very much

Not at all

Don't know

Why do you say that?

Q7 What would you like to see included in a park? *Please choose your top 5 choices*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Play facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Allotment gardens   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports facilities e.g. multi-use game area, tennis courts, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim trails         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle paths         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature areas   | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing pitches     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Café   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green gym  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other               |

If "other", please specify

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## Local school provision

Q8 How important is it to you to have good educational facilities for local children in your community?

- A great deal
- To some extent
- Not very much
- Not at all
- Don't know

Q9 An option could be to build a new school on the site to replace Causeway Green Primary School. Do you believe this is a good idea?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Don't know

Why do you say that?

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## Local housing

Q10 How important is it for you to have good quality housing in your local community?

- A great deal
- To some extent
- Not very much
- Not at all
- Don't know

Why do you say that?

Q11 Adopted Sandwell Planning Policy requires a variety of tenures and a mix of house types in any redevelopment scheme to respond to local demand and need. What types and tenures of housing would you like to see included in a potential development?

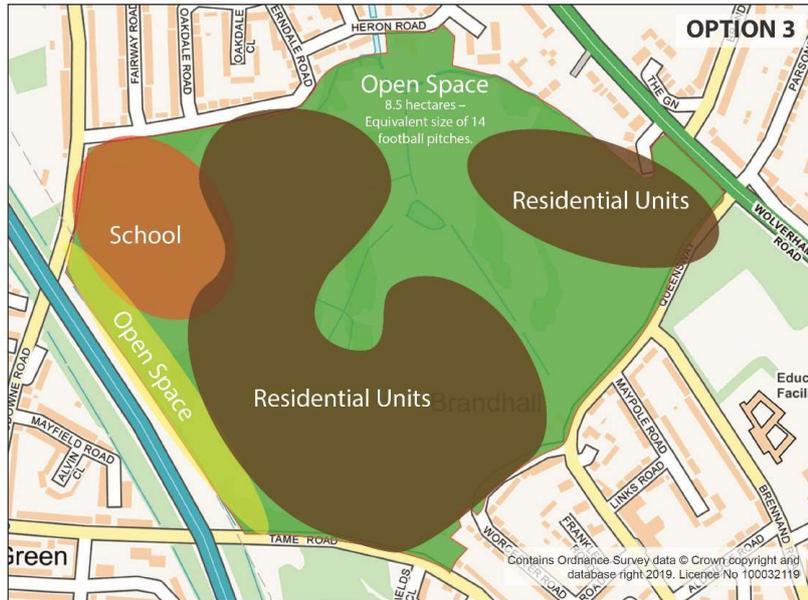
	2 bedroom	3 bedroom	4 bedroom	4+ bedroom	Other
Private	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Affordable	<input type="checkbox"/>				

If you ticked "other", what "other" type of housing?

Some consideration has been given to the potential level of housing and parkland that could be delivered on Brandhall Golf Course. These are conceptual ideas only. Any redevelopment proposal would be subject to a full masterplan and planning application.

*Please consider these 3 options below:*





Q12 After looking at the options, which of these do you prefer?

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3

Why do you prefer this option?

Q13 Do you have any further comments you would like to make about the future of Brandhall Golf Course?

Q14 Following this survey, Sandwell Council will be doing further consultation. How would you like to be consulted in future?

- Email
- Consultation events
- Electronic surveys
- Paper questionnaires

If you would like to be contacted via email, please provide your details:

Name

Email

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return to:

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