

Appeal against decision to reject £200m 'Ryder Cup' golf course to tee off

Bolton's Holiday Inn will host an appeal into the local council's rejection of a £200m plan to build a golf course fit to host a future edition of the Ryder Cup.

Landowner Peel L&P will make its case to the Planning Inspectorate on Thursday, October 6, and Friday, October 7, after Bolton Council refused the Hulton Park proposal [earlier this year](#).

The hearing comes after previous versions of the development were approved by the local authority in 2018 and by the government two years later.

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Peel L&P said the scheme would be a "game-changer" for Bolton and Greater Manchester and would deliver around £250m of private sector investment, creating over 1,000 jobs.

Hulton Park remains one of only two English venues shortlisted by UK Sport and Ryder Cup Europe for an English bid for the 2031 Ryder Cup.

Richard Knight, director of planning and strategy at Peel L&P, said: "We've said it before but this is a huge opportunity for Bolton. The boost to the local economy, and the prosperity and wellbeing of local communities arising from such a project would be enormous.

"Bringing The Ryder Cup – one of world's premier sporting events – to Bolton would be an Olympic moment for the town, but our proposals are about so much more. There would be

regular golf events but also a venue for conferencing, staycations, days out – all of which would help regenerate the area.

“The plans include new facilities and infrastructure for the community, and much-needed new homes with a reduced impact on the Green Belt than our previously approved plans.

“By opening Hulton Park to the public for the first time in history, local people will benefit from vastly improved access to greenspace including new and improved public walking and cycling trails in the historic parkland.

“Our successful Hulton Park Happenings events this summer – and others taking place later this month – are demonstrating the Park’s potential to host a range of community events long into the future.

“Alongside our supporters, we look forward to articulating our case for this ambitious and transformative project at the Inquiry this week. We are continuing discussions with Ryder Cup Europe and UK Sport, and if we are successful with the appeal we hope to see that process move forward quickly.”

Peel L&P said its plans have received backing from local and regional organisations including The University of Bolton and Bolton College, GreaterSport, CBI North West, the Greater Manchester Chamber, Marketing Manchester, and Bolton Wanderers FC.