

Appeal date set against decision to reject £200m 'Ryder Cup' golf course

A date has been set for an appeal against the decision to reject a £200m plan to build a golf course in Bolton fit to host a future edition of the Ryder Cup.

Peel L&P is seeking to overturn the decision of Bolton Council in February, [having vowed to fight the verdict in May.](#)

The hearing into the Hulton Park plans will open on 6 October.

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The [decision in February](#) came after previous proposals for the scheme were approved by the council in 2018.

After the plans were called in and a public inquiry held in 2019, the original scheme was approved by the Secretary of State in 2020.

Peel L&P has said the project would include £240m of investment, help create more than 1,000 jobs and a “long-term national impact of £1.6bn”.

The company added that the project remains one of only two English venues shortlisted by UK Sport and Ryder Cup Europe for an English bid for the 2031 Ryder Cup.

The plans would also create a new golfing academy, housing including affordable homes, a primary school, a health and wellbeing hub, food and entertainment spaces, a village hall and community allotments.

Richard Knight, director of planning and strategy at Peel L&P

said: “We already have the Secretary of State’s approval to redevelop Hulton Park and it is unfortunate that another public inquiry is needed for an improved proposal that responds to local feedback, but we now have another chance to articulate our case for this ambitious and transformative project.

“The restoration of Hulton Park is a generational investment opportunity, not only of itself, but the wider positive impact it would bring in terms of social impact for local communities around skills, health, participation and prosperity, not to mention the huge boost it would give to Bolton and its wider regeneration plans.

“We ask that anyone who wants to see this project go ahead sends their comments to the Planning Inspectorate using the details provided.

“We are also very pleased and excited that over the summer we will be opening the gates of Hulton Park with a diverse programme of events to engage people from across the town and beyond.

“We aim to showcase the incredible potential of Hulton Park and improve people’s understanding of what we trying to do.”

Neil Hart, chief executive at Bolton Wanderers Football Club, added: “The prospect of The Ryder Cup, one of the world’s greatest sporting competitions coming to Bolton is extremely compelling.

“Bolton Wanderers is pleased to support this ambitious proposal, which would be a brilliant win for our town, delivering more accessible green space and new community sporting facilities.

“We therefore hope the planning appeal at forthcoming Public Inquiry is successful and we look forward to working closely with the project team over the coming months and years.”

Peel L&P said the project is conditional on Hulton Park securing the rights to host The Ryder Cup tournament in 2031 or 2035.

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