



Derby City Council

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF ALLESTREE GOLF COURSE

Introduction

Allestree Hall is a Grade 2* listed building located within the middle of Allestree Park, Derby's largest open space. The park contains areas of woodland, open space and an 18 hole 'pay and play' golf course. The hall is in poor condition and listed on Historic England's "Heritage at Risk Register". A building survey in June 2018 identified that the cost of repairing the Hall was £2.8m (excluding VAT and fees).

The Hall and its outbuildings are currently used to support Allestree Golf Course, (notably Allestree Park Golf Club who use part of the Hall as their base, club room, bar and catering facilities) as well as park services and Friends of Allestree Park.

To enable the repair of the Hall it was decided that the Hall and all associated outbuildings should be sold. Allestree Hall was then marketed offering the opportunity for prospective buyers to operate the golf course as well.

Following the marketing exercise, a preferred bidder has been identified for the purchase of Allestree Hall. Cabinet has approved the sale to the preferred bidder and the sale is now progressing. They propose to convert the Hall and its additional buildings into a wedding venue, however they do not wish to operate the golf course. Having considered the operation of Allestree Golf Course, Derby City Council has concluded that there are three options available:

(1) to continue to operate the golf course - this would require the Council to make a significant financial investment in new facilities and does not guarantee a successful outcome considering the competitive local market and number of courses in the area. As such, this is **not** the Council's preferred option;

(2) Partner with an alternative provider - similar to how the Sinfin Golf Course is operated;

or (3) Cease operation of the golf course with the course removed and returned to parkland.

The Council's Cabinet met on 11 September 2019 and the Cabinet report for the future of Allestree Golf Course details the recommendations approved.

We would like your views on the proposals for the future of Allestree Golf Course.

The closing date for the consultation and for submitting an Expression of Interest is **12 noon on Monday 23 March 2020.**

Your consent to take part in the survey



All information provided will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. We will only use this information to inform the future of Allestree Golf Course. All of the information you provide will remain confidential. Information provided by you will not be shared with any third party. Please see our attached privacy statement for more information.

Q1 **Do you consent to the processing and storing of your response for the purpose of this survey?**

Please note, if you do not select 'yes' to the question below your responses will not be included.

(Please select one)

Yes

No, I do not wish to participate in the survey

Background

The disposal of Allestree Hall provides an opportunity to review the golf course operation. We have identified three options available: Derby City Council continues to operate the golf course; DCC partners with an alternative provider, or for the operating of the golf course to end meaning that Allestree Golf Course closes and the land reverts to parkland.

However, recognising that other interested parties may have alternative proposals which may offer a sustainable future for the operation and continued use of the golf course, we are undertaking an Expression of Interest process running alongside this consultation which will allow any interested parties to submit their proposals. The Expression of Interest is open from Monday 16 December 2019 for 14 weeks.

The Council would prefer to partner with an alternative provider to run the golf course but recognises that if no viable proposal is submitted the golf course would close.

More information on the Expressions of Interest can be found at www.derby.gov.uk/yourcityyoursay or by requesting an information pack from estates.COR@derby.gov.uk or by calling 01332 643334.

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To give your views on the proposals for the future of Allestree Golf Course please complete the following questions.

Q4 **If you are an occasional user of Allestree Golf Course, how often each season do you use it?**

(Please select one option per row)

	Every week	Nearly every week	Monthly	Every couple of months	Twice a year	Once a year	Never
Spring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Autumn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q5 **If you used to use Allestree Golf Course what has stopped you from using it?**

(Please say)

Q6 **Are you aware that in recent years Allestree Golf Course has...**
(Please select one on each row)

	Yes	No
been competing against privately run golf courses in the area?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
had low use compared with the capacity available?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
been costing more money to run Allestree Golf Course than it makes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q7 **To what extent do you agree / disagree with the following statements about Allestree Golf Course?**
(Please select one on each row)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
It is important to me that Allestree continues to have a golf course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to the local area that Allestree continues to have a golf course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not mind about the future of the golf course as long as the green parkland is maintained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not mind if it is the Council or other organisations that operated Allestree Golf Course as long as it is of a good standard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand that the Council has a duty to make the best use of Council resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Expression of Interest

One of the ideas that we have had is that we lease the golf course out to someone else to operate. We are asking that anyone that is interested completes an Expression of Interest (EoI) form. The Expression of Interest (EoI) is an opportunity for interested parties to submit an application detailing how they would like to take on the lease and operation of Allestree Golf Course.

Q8 **To what extent do you support our idea to lease out Allestree Golf Course to someone else?** *(Please select one)*

- Strongly support
- Support
- I don't support
- Don't know

Q9 **If you are a golfer, would you continue to use Allestree Golf Course if it was taken over by someone else?** *(Please select one)*

Yes

No

Not sure

Q10 **Would you be interested in submitting an Expression of Interest to operate Allestree Golf Course?** *(Please select one)*

Yes

No

There are several key requirements that interested parties will need to submit as part of their Expression of Interest, these are:

- bidders are invited to seek an occupational lease of the golf course
- the lease will be subject to an annual rent
- bidders must operate the site solely as a golf course
- the operator is to obtain the necessary consents, fund and construct any building or facilities required to support the operation of the golf course
- the operator to be responsible for undertaking full maintenance, management and operation of the golf course and any buildings and all associated costs
- any offers will be subject to the existing tenancies / rights over the site including maintaining the current level of public access over the site

All bids will be scored against 3 areas: financial viability, sustainable business plan and demonstrable experience/understanding of managing a leisure/golf facility.

For further, more indepth information, or if you would like to submit an Expression of Interest, please read the Expression of Interest information and complete an Expression of Interest form.

The closing date for submitting your Expression of Interest is 12 noon on Monday 23 March 2020.

Submissions must be posted or hand delivered.

Any other comments about the future of Allestree Golf Course

Q11 If you have any comments on the future of Allestree Golf Course, please write in the space below.

If you are completing this as somebody who lives, works or studies in Derby....

The next few questions will help us to make sure that we hear everyone's views, whatever your age, circumstance or background.

Why are we asking these questions?

To make sure that we comply with our legal equality responsibilities and understand what all sections of our community feel about our services and functions.

We are keen to hear from people from equality groups or who have protected characteristics (as referred to in the Equality Act), so that we can make any appropriate changes. You can find out more about this in the guide to public authorities.

We would like people to complete these equality questions, but it is not essential. If you feel uncomfortable answering these questions, please leave them blank and move to the next page.

Q12 **Are you...** *(Please select one)*

- male?
- female?

Q13 **Is your gender the same as you were assigned to at birth?** *(Please select one)*

- Yes
- No

Q14 **What was your age on your last birthday?** *(Please tell us your age in years)*

Q15 **To which group do you consider you belong?** *(Please select one)*

- Asian or Asian British - Indian
- Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British - Chinese
- Any other Asian background
- Black or Black British - African
- Black or Black British - Caribbean
- Any other Black background
- Dual Heritage - White and Black Caribbean
- Dual Heritage - White and Black African
- Dual Heritage - White and Asian
- Any other Dual Heritage background
- White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Any other ethnic group

If you have selected one of the 'Any other background' options, please give further details.

Q16 **Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?** *(Please select one)*

Yes

No

Q17 **I consider myself to be...** *(Please select one)*

heterosexual/straight

bisexual

a gay man

a gay woman/lesbian

Other

Prefer not to say

Q18 **Do you have any religious beliefs?** *(Please select one)*

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q19 **If yes, to which religion do you belong?** *(Please select one)*

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

Other

Prefer not to say



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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

For further information, please contact estates.COR@derby.gov.uk or call 01332 643334.

Please return your completed questionnaire by **12 noon on Monday 23 March 2020** in the pre-paid envelope provided, you don't need a stamp. You can also return your completed form to us using your own envelope addressed to:

The future of Allestree Golf Course consultation
Derby City Council
FREEPOST
MID24259
Derby
DE1 2BR

We can give you this information in any other way, style or language that will help you access it. Please contact us on: 01332 640000 Minicom 01332 640666.

Corporate Consultation Privacy Notice

How is your information used?

You will be asked for your consent at the beginning of every paper based questionnaire. Where we have your consent we may use your information to:

- Inform the decision on which the consultation subject matter is based or the formation of the policy, service or event that the consultation is concerned with;
- Help us understand who takes part in our consultation in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and other demographic factors and how views differ across respondents;
- Send you communications which you have requested and that may be of interest.

Who has access to your information?

We may share your information with the following third parties for the reasons detailed;

- A research company that we have commissioned to undertake consultation on our behalf. If this is the case it will be clear on all consultation materials that an external agency is conducting the consultation on our behalf and they too will be bound by GDPR.
- Internally with Council departments for the purpose of:
 - Giving feedback gathered in the consultation to the services to inform their work
 - At the consultees request where they have asked that we pass on their details to the relevant department to address a particular issue or concern
 - Where a safeguarding concern has been raised in a consultation response
- Statutory agencies, such as the Police or National Fraud Authority - we may share your information with statutory agencies in line with our legal obligations and/or in completion of our public tasks.

We will not sell or rent your information to third parties. We will not share your information with third parties for marketing purposes.

For further information about how your personal information will be used, please visit www.derby.gov.uk where you can see a full copy of our Privacy Notice.

Alternatively you can request a hard copy from - The Consultation Team, The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS. Telephone: 01332 640745, email: yourcityyoursay@derby.gov.uk.