

## **Planning Application 19/02550/F – CDC Wellbeing Department Consultation Response**

**The Wellbeing department object to the development proposals, on the grounds that it will lead to the loss of an 18-hole golf facility within the district.**

The 2018 Cherwell District Sports Studies recommend that existing golf facilities are protected, unless the tests in the NPPF are met. In the opinion of the Wellbeing department, the proposals submitted do not meet these tests, despite the detailed submission, including a needs assessment that draws different conclusions to the Cherwell Sports Studies.

The recommendations of the 2018 Sports Studies were drawn, based on the nationally endorsed Sport England methodology for analysing sports facility needs for the future. The Wellbeing department does not recognise the robustness and independence of the needs assessment submitted with these development proposals.

Notwithstanding the objection stated, should this application progress, then the Wellbeing department would wish to see firm proposals from the developer, golf club / land owner, endorsed by England Golf (the National Governing Body for the sport) for an enhanced / improved facility offer on the remaining nine holes.