

Community Right to Bid

Introduction

Earlier this year we submitted four Community Right to Bid applications and were successful with two: Fowlers Car Park and Northgrove Car Park.

We have reviewed the Hawkhurst Golf Course bid, and the comments made by the assessors when they turned down this application and two points are worth noting.

1. An area of the golf course was included and has since been removed from the golf club land.
2. That although this bid demonstrated significant public support - with 60 residents taking the time to write in - for their views to be counted they would need to be more specific and outline how they used the old Golf Course and facilities on the site. For example, playing golf, attending U3A meetings, Christmas dinners in the club house etc.

Hawkhurst Golf Club Community Rights to Bid application

The new application "Hawkhurst Golf Club" will:

- use the revised Community Rights to Bid application form;
- to remove the land registered as K207098 from the site plan application; and,
- ask residents to support the bid but to be specific about their use of the club where possible.

For example, this may be:

"I am a former member of the Golf Club and used the facilities on a weekly basis. I would use it again if it was reopened."

"I used to attend the Hawkhurst U3A Zumba classes at the Hawkhurst Golf Club and really miss the chance to be social and healthy."

"I was lucky enough to have a Christmas dinner / have a event at the Golf Club and would use the grounds and building again if i had the opportunity."

Please see attached the draft application form.

Proposal

To submit a Community Rights to Bid for Hawkhurst Golf Club (see attached).

To highlight our bid to residents and in so doing remind them the weight of their comment is more important to the assessors at TWBC is they highlight their previous use of the site and their intended use if the facility if it is retained for public access and use.