

MIDGET GOLF?

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire, District Council has a problem. They want to turn a large piece of waste ground into a golf course.

It is useless for housing due to its soggy state but with a bit of infilling here and there it would be very suitable for up to nine holes.

But the Government thinks otherwise. When the plan was put up for consideration it had to pass through the hands of the Ministry of Technology works department—because nothing can be built near the Royal Aircraft Establishment without the approval of the Ministry of Technology due to height restrictions.

By all means build a golf course on the site, said the sages of the Ministry—but the bunkers must not be more than three feet high!

The Council gathered to consider this solemn edict. If they had to put at least two feet of earth on the site to get rid of the sogginess, then the lips of the bunkers would have to be under one foot in height. Fair enough!

But the townspeople are more worried. If the height restrictions are down to three feet then they will have to play the game on all fours to avoid being clobbered by a passing plane. The fact that no plane has ever passed over the area at less than 2000 feet does not enter into the question. What the Ministry of Technology says, goes.

The wags are now busy with solutions. Why not dig large trenches from tee to green so that players can leap in when a plane approaches, ask some.

Perhaps the best answer has come from a youth club. Give up the whole area to pea pushing. All fours are essential if one is to get the nose to the pea!

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To the Hon. Secretary.

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Last winter we had the pleasure of visiting half the various Branches and we hope we may look forward to visiting as many of the others as possible this year. We believe we can offer a new and interesting evening to your members.

Yours faithfully,

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