

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Work has begun on a new 18-hole course in Suffolk at Stoke-by-Nayland. It is being built by Mr Bill Peeke and his wife, Devorah, who own the 130-acre Hill Farm at Boxford. . . . At Chelmsford, not far away, the Town Council's plans for 18 holes in Hylands Park produced strong reactions. The following are samples: "I suggest anyone who does not want this lovely place cut in half should write in the strongest possible terms to - - -, also print their own car stickers "Hands off Hylands": "I would suggest that Hylands Park, which appears to be a white elephant, should be sold and the money used to repair the footpaths in the town before many more people are injured by falls caused by uneven paving stones and potholes": "When I think of all the restful hours I—and yes, hundreds of others—have enjoyed in this enchanting park, my stomach turns at the prospect of this tranquility being broken": "Surely, in a world increasingly built up and noisy, there should remain a few places where quiet prevails": "A golf course would be the thin end of the wedge and I know scores of people who want Hylands left as it is": "I would not be at all surprised if protesters dig large holes in the greens once the golf course has been created": "My blood boils at the way the ratepayers' money is being used by people who behave like millionaires with our cash." Eventually, the Finance Department turned it down. . . . Coventry City Council's Recreation Committee is considering developing land at Allesley for an 18-hole municipal golf course but work would not start before 1975/7976. . . . Bedford Town Council welcomed an £86,000 scheme for a municipal golf course at Mowsbury Park. Estimated cost is £52,510 for the course plus £4,000 for pop-up sprinklers. . . . Brian Collins writing in the West Lancashire Evening Gazette quotes a letter from the professional at the Ikoyi Golf Club, Nigeria, where the Nigerian Open is to be played: "This week I have to counter an incorrect statement that players were put in prison in Nigeria last year. This happened in Lusaka not Nigeria." . . . Grimsby Rural District Council approved in principle a scheme to purchase 130 acres of land for a golf course at Immingham and then lease it to the North Lincolnshire Golf Development Association at a rental which would cover the total cost of the land. . . . A delegation from Minchinhampton Golf Club met Mr Eldon Griffiths of the Ministry of Environment in London last month to urge grant aid for establishing a new course away from the common. They reported "a very good hearing." . . . Maltby Urban Council, near Rotherham, plans to ban golf on open spaces in the town in order to safeguard children playing nearby. The Councillor who raised the problem, himself a golfer, said: "We do not wish to deny anyone the pleasure of this sport, but when they take an almighty swipe, anything can happen." . . . Leeds Golf Club has had to sack its 30 caddies on Government orders. Those under 14 are too young to work legally. . . .

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