

MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCIL OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION STUDY: ASSESSMENT REPORT

PART 20: GOLF

Introduction

- 20.1 There are two golf courses in Malvern Hills District, the Bransford Golf Club and the Worcestershire Golf Club. There are also a number of golf courses within a 20-minute drive time.
- 20.2 KKP was unable to meet with the Worcestershire Golf Club, which stated that it was too busy to participate in this study.

Summary of golf club provision in Malvern Hills District

Table 20.1: Summary of golf facilities in Malvern Hills District

Golf Club	18 hole	9 hole	Driving range	Practice areas		
				Bunker	Putting	Net
Bransford Golf Club	✓			✓	✓	
Worcestershire Golf Club	✓			✓	✓	

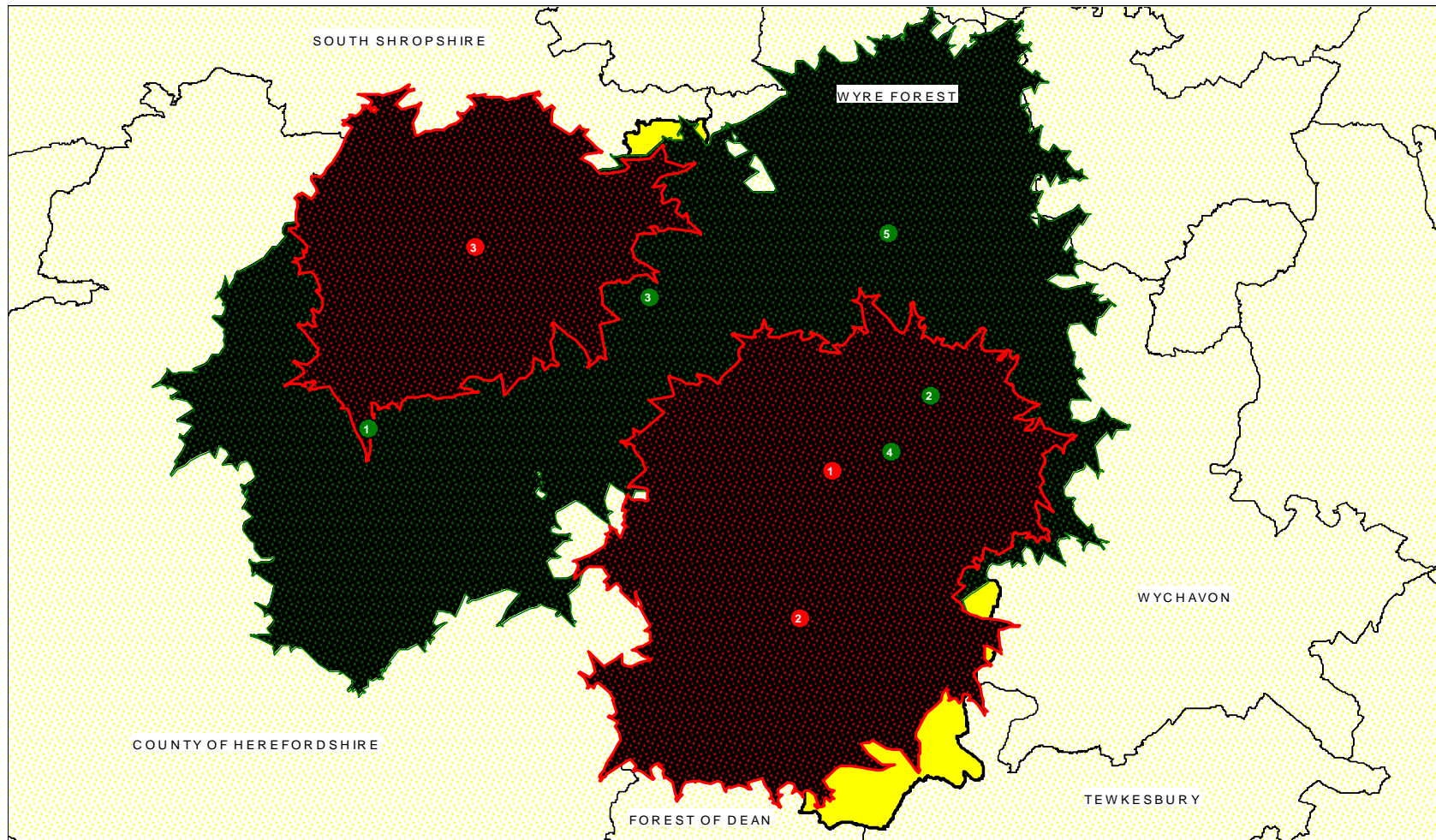
Table 20.2: List of golf clubs with 20 min drive time

ID	Golf Club / Organisation	Course(s)	Local authority area
1	Bransford Golf Club	18 hole	Malvern Hills District Council
2	The Worcestershire Golf Club	18 hole	Malvern Hills District Council
1	Leominster Golf Club	18 hole	Herefordshire Council
2	Perdiswell Leisure Centre	18 hole	Worcester City Council
3	Sapey Golf Club	18 hole	Herefordshire Council
4	Worcester Golf and Country Club	18 hole	Worcester City Council
5	Cadmore Golf Club	18 hole	Worcester City Council
6	Ombersley Golf Club	18 hole	Worcester City Council



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Figure 20.1: Location of golf courses with 20 minute drive time catchment



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Key issues for golf

- 20.3 Over the last 10 years the nature of golf facilities has changed significantly. New commercially run centres have sprung up which offer 'pay and play' facilities as well as club membership. Individuals can pay a green fee for the day or even just pay for a round of golf, allowing access to the facilities in the same way as those at municipal golf courses but with the quality and range of facilities one would expect to find at a private club. This has made golf more accessible than ever to a wider spectrum of the population. There is, however, no access to a municipal facility in Malvern Hills District. Consultation did not identify the demand for such a facility.

Junior development

- 20.4 MHDC has developed links with Sapey Golf Club to deliver tri-golf sessions. This was funded by the CSP to deliver the Whole Sport Plan, and aims to increase the exposure of the game to juniors.
- 20.5 There is no evidence that junior membership at the Club has significantly increased, although the levels of junior development are good.

Public right of ways (PROWs)

- 20.6 At Bransford Golf Club there is a PROW transcending the 18th hole, which is open to the public. This presents obvious dangers to walkers, who could be hit, without notice, by golf balls. The Club's insurance does cover this possibility, but there is a significant cost attached to it.

Golf summary

Current provision

- There are two 18-hole golf courses in Malvern Hills District.

Future provision

- There is no need for additional golf course provision in the District

Other issues

- None identified.