

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Bolton on course for international golf destination as Government gives green light to Hulton Park plans**

Peel L&P's plans to create an international golf destination in Bolton capable of hosting the Ryder Cup and other major tournaments have been given the go ahead by the Government today.

Peel L&P's proposals to transform the historic Hulton Park estate were called-in for a decision by the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government having secured Bolton Council's approval back in 2018.

Following a public inquiry and evidence to demonstrate the scale of the social and economic benefits of the development, amounting to a £1.2 billion boost to the national economy, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP has now given the planning application his seal of approval.

Peel L&P has remained committed to its exciting plans to open an iconic worldwide golf destination at Hulton Park in 2025 which also has the potential of hosting the Ryder Cup.

A socio-economic impact study shows that the overall impact of Hulton Park and the Ryder Cup programme would be £1.2 billion, bringing huge benefits to Bolton, Greater Manchester and the North West in terms of skills, participation, health development and tourism as well as securing future major sporting events.

The plans include a luxury hotel, spa and conference centre and an academy which would be easily accessible to help drive sports participation for the local community.

The provision of new homes would also help to meet Bolton's housing needs and provide affordable housing in the area.

Evidence prepared by leading ecologists and heritage experts showed that the proposals would have a positive impact on the site. Transport evidence including a link road to benefit the wider area shows how the site will be highly accessible.

In addition to securing approval from Bolton Council, the project has the support of a wide range of sports and tourism bodies, local universities and business groups.

Richard Knight, Director of Land and Communities for Peel L&P said: "We take great pride in creating projects that can leave a positive legacy. Our plans for Hulton Park can deliver an amazing global sporting destination capable of hosting major tournaments as well as a catalyst for positive change, healthy living, heritage restoration and tourism in Bolton.

"The proposals can also bring much-needed housing to the borough and the development is both respectful to the area's heritage and the environment with original roads and footpaths retained and the creation of new wildlife habitats to enhance biodiversity.

“We’re incredibly pleased that the Secretary of State recognises all of these benefits alongside our vision for Hulton Park and this decision allows us to move to the next stage of making the project a reality.”

The Hulton Park proposals have been approved subject to a restriction regarding the award of the Ryder Cup. Further announcements will be made in due course.

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### Notes for Editors

For further information about the Hulton Park project please see the website [www.hultonpark.co.uk](http://www.hultonpark.co.uk)

Ryder Cup Europe and the PGA European Tour ultimately decide on the host venue for the Ryder Cup in conjunction with host nation Governments and venues.

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