

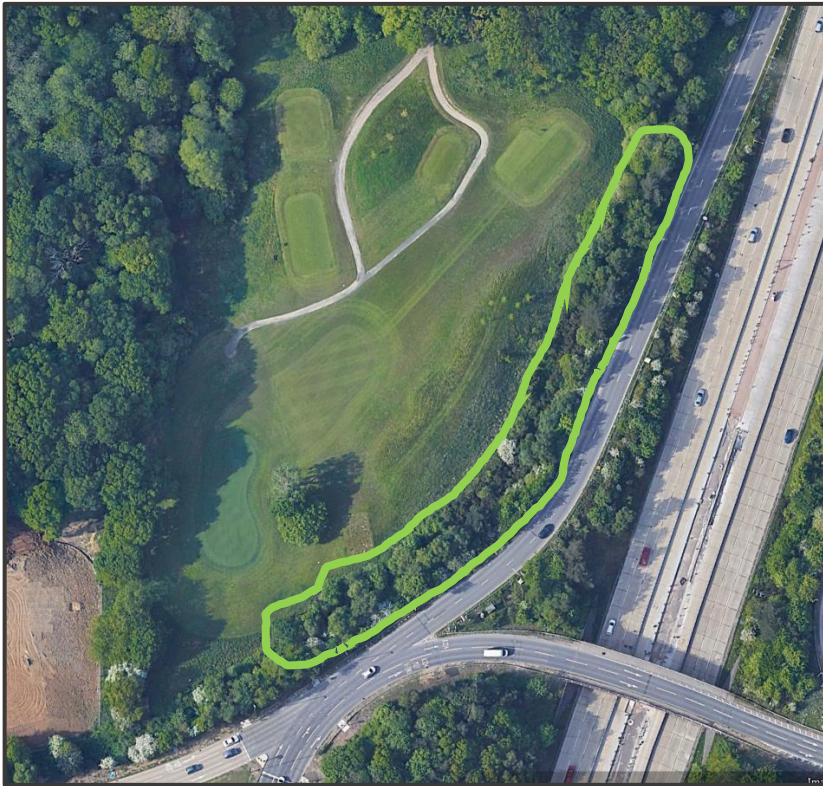
Planning Application Statement

This statement is to accompany the information submitted under the planning application to install a Visual & Acoustic Screening Bund on the 5th hole of Boundary Lakes Golf Course at the Ageas Bowl. The purpose of this statement is to set out the history of the area and to explain why this screening bund is now required.

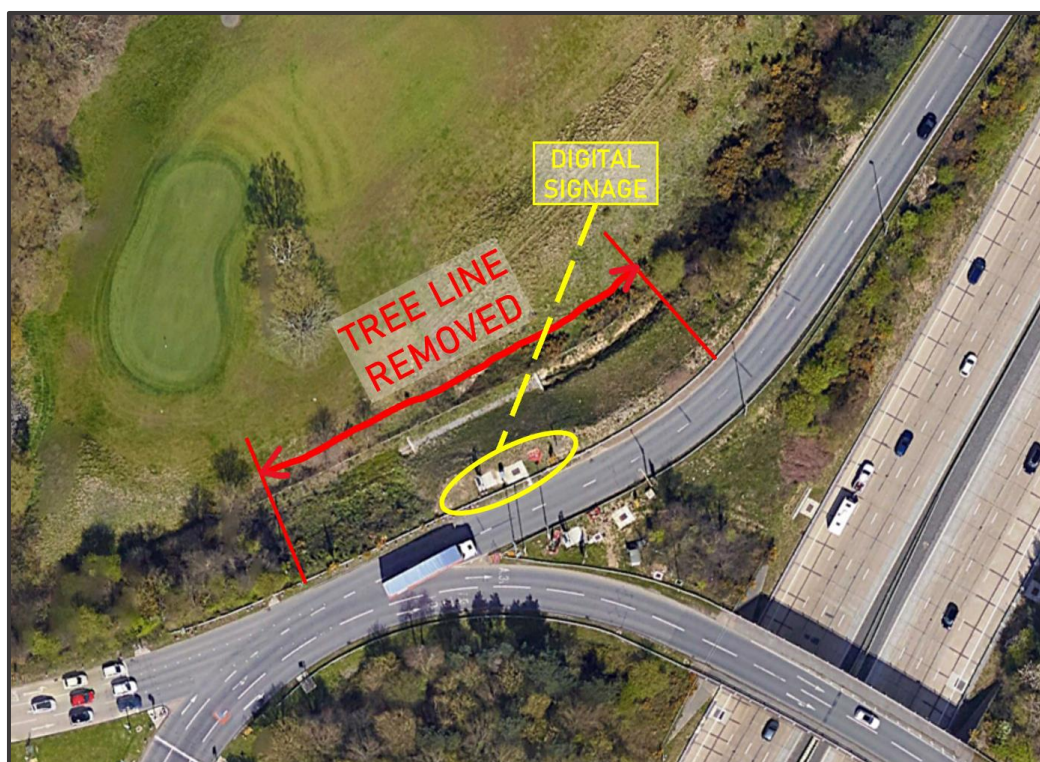
The 5th hole at Boundary Lakes golf course is in the Southeast corner of the site and is flanked on the East side by the M27 and on the South side Junction 7 of the M27, the Hedge End Interchange as well as the A334, Charles Watts Way. Please see the image below to clarify the location.



Given the high volume of traffic along these roads, the 5th hole historically benefited from the trees which ran alongside the M27, which acted as both a visual and acoustic barrier ensuring that those using the golf course were able to enjoy the facility with the effect of this traffic being minimised. There are limited images showing these trees in-situ, but they can be seen clearly from historic satellite images. Please see these below:



These trees were on the strip of land running alongside these roads which is owned by National Highways Limited. In November 2020, a significant part of this tree line was removed by contractors in order to allow the installation of digital signage alongside the carriageway. Please see the below satellite image to show the extent of the tree removal and the new digital signage:



Below are images from the present day which show the extent of the tree removal and the proximity of the 5th hole to these major roads:





As is evident from the above images, the removal of the tree line alongside the M27 has resulted in this area of Boundary Lakes becoming very exposed to the sight of heavy traffic as well as the noise and emissions associated with it.

This exposure to these major roads has had a significant impact on the users of the Boundary Lakes with frequent complaints being lodged stating the disturbance from the visual and acoustic interference as well as a perception of a reduction in safety with vehicles moving at speeds over 60 miles per hour in such proximity.

This application to re-instate a visual and acoustic barrier on the land of Boundary Lakes is to ensure that the protection from this interference can be re-instated and that the users of Boundary Lakes are able to enjoy the use of the facility once again whilst also improving the biodiversity in the area.