

SPECIFIC AIMS RELATING TO THE CLUB STRATEGIC PLAN

9. MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Strategic Aims:

- **A** - To mitigate the risks to our golf course that are associated with climate change, thereby sustaining its playability (and its commercial viability).
- **B** - Balance the demands of golf with responsibilities to the natural environment.
- **C** - Care for the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources on which the course is sustained.

Specific Aims - Short / Medium Term (January 2021 to December 2025)

1. Alleviate further river-bank erosion on the Dee. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A & C**).
2. Determine whether it will be necessary, feasible and cost effective to alter the components of the river holes to protect them from flooding / erosion. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A & B**). **(Also, a Long-Term Specific Aim)**.
3. Prevent or alleviate further brook-bank erosion on the Caregan. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A & C**).
4. Prevent ground fissures from forming during drought. (Relates to Strategic Aim **A**).
5. Alleviate surface water flooding resulting from periods of intense rainfall. (Relates to Strategic Aim **A**).
6. Find a solution to the problem of grass stress caused by extremes of weather. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A, B & C**).
7. Continue to protect the course from stress caused by buggies, trolleys, and footfall. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A, B & C**).
8. Continue to communicate with members on matters relating to climate change and the sustainability of the course.
9. Enhance the biodiversity on the course. (Relates to strategic aims **A & B**).
10. Eradicate / control the 'invasive non-native plant species' on the course. (Relates to strategic aim **C**). **(Also, a Long-Term Specific Aim)**.

As we address the above aims, we will:

- Liaise with specialist organisations and professionals.
- Acquire appropriate licenses and permits.
- Identify sources of funding.
- Use the "OnCourse" on-line programme to record achievements.
- Use the R&A "Golf Course 2030" information for guidance.
- Research and use "best practice" solutions and techniques where practicable.

Specific Aims - Long Term (January 2026 to December 2030)

1. Develop a plan for the sustainable management of the trees in the riparian area. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A, B & C**).
2. Determine whether it will be necessary, feasible and cost effective to alter the components of the river holes to protect them from flooding / erosion. (Relates to Strategic Aims **A & B**).
3. Eradicate / control the 'invasive non-native plant species' on the course. (Relates to Strategic Aim **C**).

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