Seaton Carew Final Masterplan

DESIGN RATIONALE

This plan delivers the best 18 hole course for Seaton Carew, while being affordable for the Club when implemented over time. There is also a fall-back position, if the southern land is ever lost.

The 1st hole is extended to become a par 5, which creates much-needed space for the 18th and brings the 1st teeing ground closer to the practice facilities. It becomes a far stronger opening hole and links naturally into the Dunes hole which is extended.

The other major addition is the new par 3 at the southern end of the course. This would add significantly to the golfing experience and give the course a fourth par 3 of real quality.

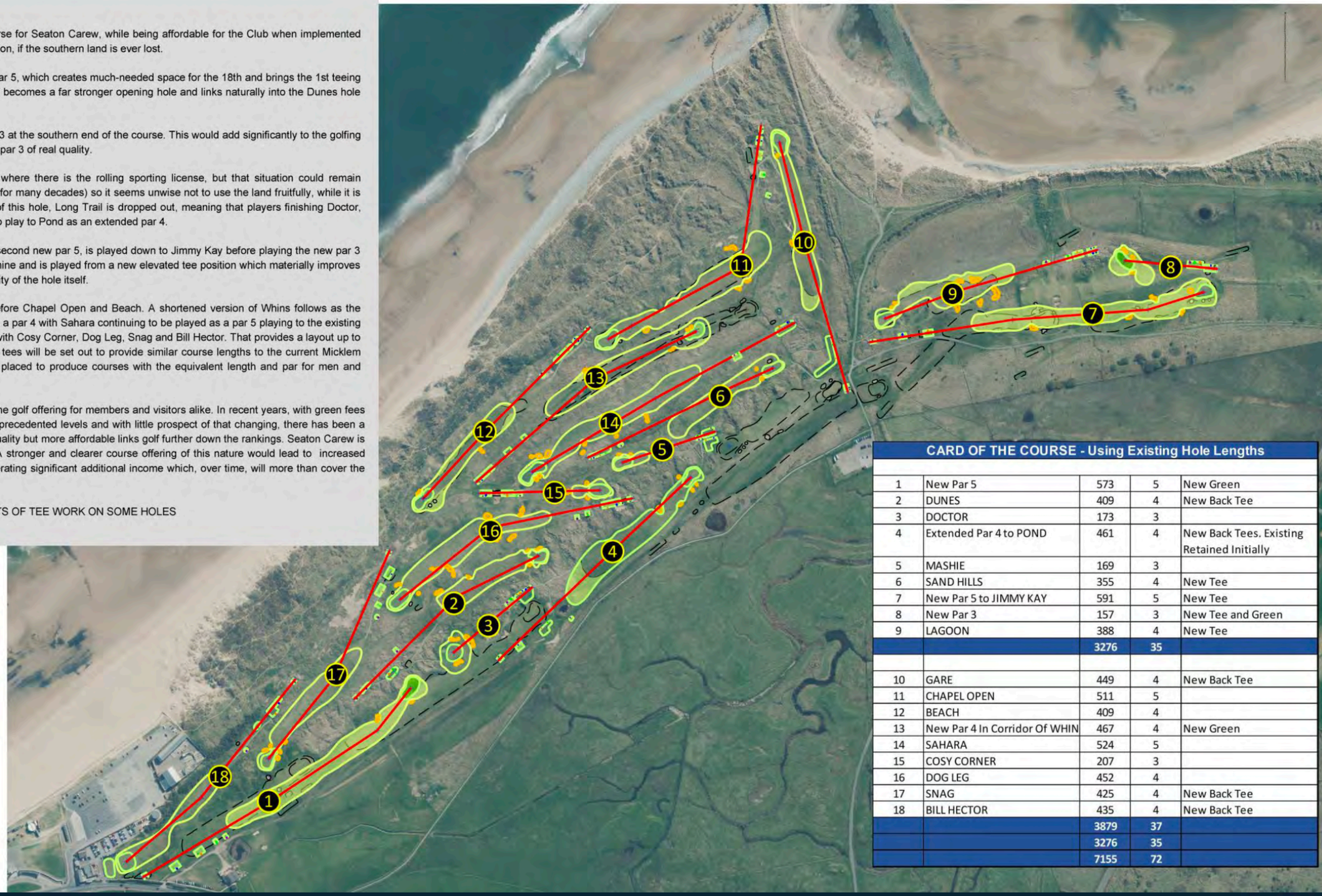
It is accepted that this is on the land where there is the rolling sporting license, but that situation could remain unaltered for the next century (as it has for many decades) so it seems unwise not to use the land fruitfully, while it is in the Club's tenure. With the addition of this hole, Long Trail is dropped out, meaning that players finishing Doctor, their 3rd, will walk a short way forward to play to Pond as an extended par 4.

After playing Mashie and Sand Hills, a second new par 5, is played down to Jimmy Kay before playing the new par 3 as the 8th. Lagoon completes the front nine and is played from a new elevated tee position which materially improves both the tee shot and highlights the quality of the hole itself.

On the back nine, Gare is extended before Chapel Open and Beach. A shortened version of Whins follows as the 13th with a new green so that it plays as a par 4 with Sahara continuing to be played as a par 5 playing to the existing green coming next. The round finishes with Cosy Corner, Dog Leg, Snag and Bill Hector. That provides a layout up to 7,100 yards with a par of 72. Members tees will be set out to provide similar course lengths to the current Micklem course, but with great emphasis being placed to produce courses with the equivalent length and par for men and women.

This plan offers a real improvement to the golf offering for members and visitors alike. In recent years, with green fees at the leading links courses rising to unprecedented levels and with little prospect of that changing, there has been a clear increase in demand for the high-quality but more affordable links golf further down the rankings. Seaton Carew is well placed to benefit from that trend. A stronger and clearer course offering of this nature would lead to increased revenue per round and per visitor, generating significant additional income which, over time, will more than cover the capital cost of the work.

3 NEW GREENS & VARYING AMOUNTS OF TEE WORK ON SOME HOLES



CARD OF THE COURSE - Using Existing Hole Lengths

1	New Par 5	573	5	New Green
2	DUNES	409	4	New Back Tee
3	DOCTOR	173	3	
4	Extended Par 4 to POND	461	4	New Back Tees. Existing Retained Initially
5	MASHIE	169	3	
6	SAND HILLS	355	4	New Tee
7	New Par 5 to JIMMY KAY	591	5	New Tee
8	New Par 3	157	3	New Tee and Green
9	LAGOON	388	4	New Tee
		3276	35	
10	GARE	449	4	New Back Tee
11	CHAPEL OPEN	511	5	
12	BEACH	409	4	
13	New Par 4 In Corridor Of WHIN	467	4	New Green
14	SAHARA	524	5	
15	COSY CORNER	207	3	
16	DOG LEG	452	4	
17	SNAG	425	4	New Back Tee
18	BILL HECTOR	435	4	New Back Tee
		3879	37	
		3276	35	
		7155	72	