



**Statement by Golf Course Architect**  
**Regarding Safety of Golf Course Development at Oatlands Golf Course**

We act as consulting Golf Course Architects for Oatlands Golf Club and have therefore been involved in planning works associated with the proposed Over 55's development on and adjacent to the Clubs current carparking and clubhouse facilities.

The integration of these new buildings have limited impact on the current golf course and only minor modifications to the course are required to accommodate the new development.

With the removal of the current 18<sup>th</sup> hole and the realignment of the current 12<sup>th</sup> hole the safety impacts associated with the redevelopment will be minor and in fact be more favourable than it is at present.

The development footprint is located a short distance from the current 11<sup>th</sup> green which is not intended to be relocated however as the development is at the rear of the green and the hole played uphill it is not considered a safety risk. Indeed this issue can be monitored and if required the green could be relocated a short distance further away from the development with the obvious reduction in safety risk.

The proposed relocated 18<sup>th</sup> green will be much further away from the development than is the current 18<sup>th</sup> green resulting in a more favourable safety outcome than currently. The only real safety issue associated with the proposed 18<sup>th</sup> hole is that wayward second shots could find their way to within a close proximity of the relocated clubhouse portion of the new development, but unlikely to trouble any of the new over 55's villas which are located further away from the golf hole than the clubhouse itself. This situation is not uncommon on many golf courses presently. Also of benefit is the fact that the clubhouse development is at a greater elevation than the golf hole and in addition, the clubhouse is to the left of the play line of the hole, which is preferable to it being located on its right hand side.

Where appropriate new landscape planting will be used to provide greater safety as we as the inclusion of strategically placed bunkers that will help direct golfers away from adjacent development.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Wilcher".

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