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Comment type: You support the planning application

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Comment: As County Secretary of Surrey County Golf Ltd I am writing in total support of the application by Burhill Golf Club for a second reservoir construction as the Clubs current reservoir is simply inadequate to ensure the irrigation of the course and practice areas.

Burhill Golf Club is a fantastic venue for people of all ages to participate in an outside activity, be it on the golf course or the practice facility. This can only improve their wellbeing, so I feel it important to ensure that the facilities are in a usable condition for people to partake in the activities the Club offers. Without being able to have enough water during the extremely hot summers, that we now have on a regular basis, the Club are finding it more and more difficult to maintain the facilities to a useable level.

I gather the source for the new reservoir would be the capture of water from the river Mole, which floods on a regular basis, something that will undoubtable continue to happen and probably get worse. So makes total sense to use a natural source.

And of course using the water from the River Mole will remove any further strain on drinking water supplies, which can only be a positive.

As an avid fisherman, I know how wildlife benefits substantially from open water, having witnessed this on a regular basis whilst on the waterside, so an additional reservoir will have that added benefit for a multitude of animals.

Steve McNeill