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Maxey is set to become a major attraction for the region's golfers

Planning Application will transform local land into a golfing haven

While Maxey is unlikely to rival Carnoustie or Lytham St Annes in the golfing stakes, the village could soon be a major destination for the region's golfers.

We understand that the planning application submitted to Peterborough City Council to create a golf course in fields south of Lolham Hall off King Street have been successful.

Maxey Parish Council chairman John Perkins was quoted on the peterboroughtoday.co.uk web site as saying that there appeared to be general approval for the golf course.

There were a number of written objections presented to the PCC planning department but these were deemed to have insufficient merit to prevent the plans being passed. There are a number smaller courses offering only 9 holes throughout the Peterborough and South Lincolnshire area and they have proved popular with members and occasional golfers alike.

Such developments usually provide a clubhouse with changing rooms and a locker room alongside a 'Pro' shop. Many also have a restaurant and function facility - frequently available for public hire.

There will also be local employment opportunities. While traffic through the village may increase it could (and should) be regulated by the additional traffic management services currently being debated.

A design and access statement, submitted by JHG Planning Consultancy, on behalf of the golf course applicant, said: "There is every reason to believe that the proposed golf course will prove to be a valuable recreational facility that will benefit local communities and visitors alike."

Meanwhile, the proposals for a driving range near Glinton were greeted with consternation and a substantial number of local objections helped to have the planning application - submitted by East of England Showground based Swingers Golf Range - refused.

Vice-chairman of Glinton Parish Council Gerry Kirt said residents had raised a number of objections at a meeting, and those concerns were passed on to city council planners.

Mr Kirt said: "There was a room full of residents who do not want a golf course. There was nobody in support and as the parish council we must represent their views."

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