

Recipient: Rushmoor Borough Council

Letter: Greetings,

Dear Rushmoor Borough Council,

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the proposed closure of Southwood Golf Course, which has been an integral part of the local community for 40 years. The golf course contributes to a vibrant community for people of all ages and abilities and is an important social hub within the local area. It also attracts visitors from all walks of life who can enjoy a beautiful course and can benefit from flexible, reasonably priced membership and affordable 'pay and play' rates, unavailable elsewhere locally.

We therefore call on Rushmoor Borough Council to reject the proposal to close Southwood Golf Course and designate the area SANG.

This is an important community facility which is well used by members and non-members alike with over 25,000 rounds of golf played every year. It plays a vital part in the health and well-being of its users and a closure would remove from many of those a primary source of physical exercise and social community, without an affordable, local alternative.

Moreover, its closure would not guarantee the space would be used, maintained and enjoyed by as many people who use the Golf Course currently.

Kind Regards,

The petitioners.