

Description

The present hole lacks strategy. The best line from the tee is down the middle and so long as the tall rough is avoided, there is no good or bad side. That needs to be addressed and the plan is to bunker the left of the drive landing area which will be in the thick of the action at between 275 and 295 yards from the back tee, with the left rough extending right up behind them making this side the treacherous side. A further bunker will be added on the right beyond the left bunkers to prevent longer players from deliberately playing away from the left bunkers.

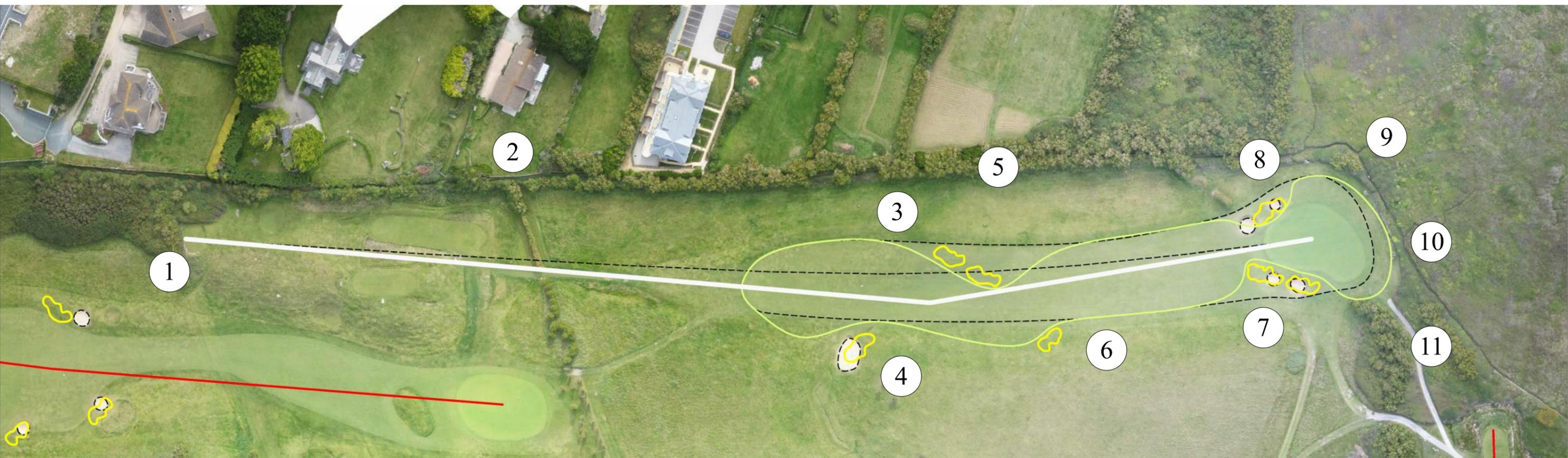
To reinforce the strategy so that players do not just play away from them, the next measure is to tighten up the right approach to make better players want to drive tight to the left bunkers. The left approach will be opened up by combining the two bunkers and easing it left and on so that the near end of the bunker is touching the far end of the first existing bunker which will be removed.

The green surrounds are disappointing and they should be completely reshaped to the best links standards with swales, hollows and hills. The back right corner should be raised so that the green can be flashed up onto it making the green feel much more contoured than it is. The green should also be extended to the right by about three metres behind the bunkers to create tournament pin positions that are tucked away behind the bunkers are only accessible by driving down the left. The right edge of the green should roll off onto closely mown surrounds and the bushes close to the green removed.

The final point returns to the tees where the landing area should be made visible from all areas of all platforms.

Recommendations

1. Raise the back tee and the back of the left tee to make the landing area visible.
2. The tamarisks add little to the teeshot. Lower them further or remove them.
3. Extend the right bunker left and give it more shape.
4. 2 new bunkers added on the left set into the side of the existing hollow.
5. Extend the rough right up to the back of the bunkers.
6. Right bunker acts as a backstop for long drivers who do not hug the left.
7. Right hand bunkers enlarged and reshaped to close down approach shots from the right.
8. The left bunkers are combined and slipped left to open up the approach from the left.
9. Reshape the surrounds to create hollows and hills, raising the back left corner, extending the green up onto it.
10. Extend the green further to the right behind the bunkers.
11. Remove the bushes to create more room for traffic and surrounds shaping.



2ND HOLE - EXISTING

● 425 YARDS ● 359 YARDS ● 352 YARDS ● 320 YARDS PAR 4



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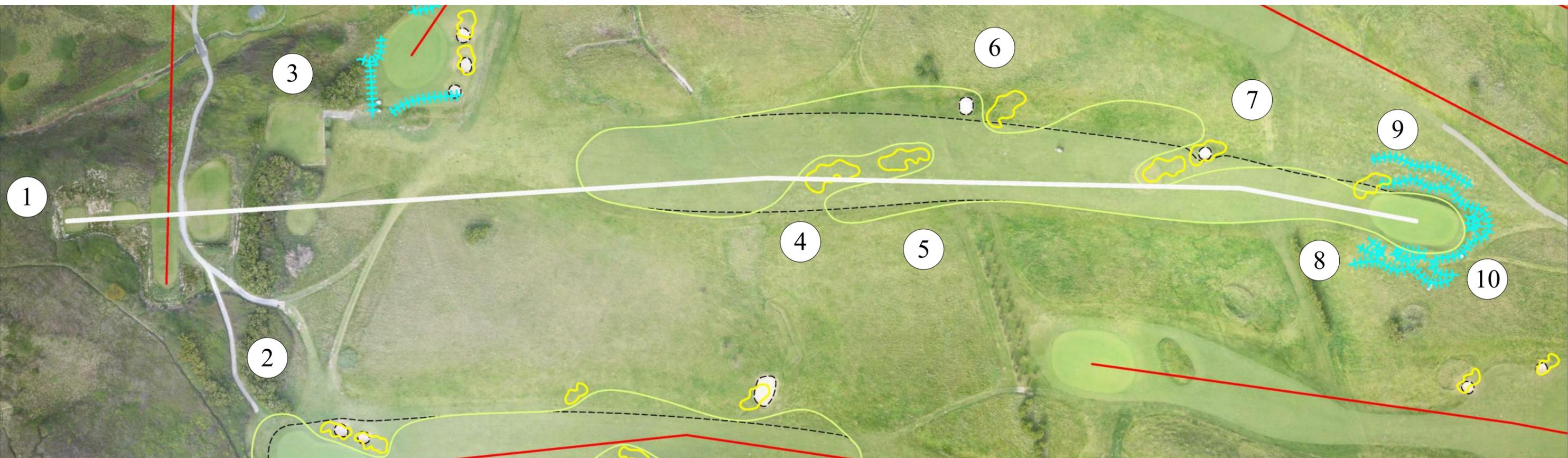
The reason that the 9th feels such a weak hole is that almost no thought is required to play it and because it lacks visual appeal. Most of the play is from the main tee platform and that is 85 yards forward from the blue tee. This makes bunkering the drive almost impossible to do so that it suits all players. The hole needs an injection of interest to the drive and the concept is to bunker the fairway boldly with an oblique diagonal line of three hazards to create two different routes from the tee. The right one will require a forced carry and the left is easier but longer. Good par fives should require thought from tee to green and this is a great start. A White Tee is needed to the right which can sit just below the back of the 3rd tee. This adds about 25 yards of length and alters the angle of the teeshot significantly, enhancing the two route strategy. The location of the blue tee is up for discussion. It is probably too far back for the new strategy to work except for the elite players in the most favourable conditions. It is one to review once the bunkers have been formed. They are set into the existing landform so they cannot be easily placed elsewhere.

To reinforce the strong appearance of the hole from the tee another diagonal pair of bunkers is proposed close to the bottom of the hill on the left. This will make players who are laying up decide where and how they are to do it. This will transform a bland hole visually into an exciting one, which is a huge step forward for the course.

The green is not one of the better ones at Trevoze and a major revamp of the green surrounds is recommended. Valleys will be formed to the right to channel water away from the green to the front and rear and the whole of the right bank will be reshaped to make it much less easy to run the ball in from the right. The hill at the back of the green will be enlarged and enhanced so that it ties in with the rest of the surrounds. The left bank will also be softened and reshaped to blend in with the rest of the surrounds. This will involve a large area of reshaping but the green cannot be improved with minor surgery.

Recommendations

1. The Blue Tee may not work with the new bunker configuration.
2. New White Tee offset to the right adds about xx yards to make the 2 route strategy work better.
3. The Yellow Tee will continue to use this tee, but the Red Tee may be moved forward.
4. Oblique diagonal line of bunkers divided the landing area, creating an upper route on the right guarded by deep bunkers.
5. Players able to carry these bunkers will benefit by gaining significant distance.
6. The left bunker is moved on to form part of the line of bunkers.
7. A pair of bunkers on the same angle as the drive bunkers to make lay up shots more thought-provoking.
8. New greenside bunker to define the front of the green.
9. Green surrounds completely reshaped.
10. Water diverted away from the green and the rear surrounds raised.



9TH HOLE - EXISTING

● 540 YARDS ● 454 YARDS ● 443 YARDS ● 440 YARDS PAR 4



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13TH HOLE

● 579 YARDS ● 574 YARDS ● 524 YARDS ● 490 YARDS PAR 5

Description

It is recognised that the reconfigured 13th is still not right. It is interesting that, historically, this hole has been altered regularly - a sure sign that this has long been a weak link in the course. The challenge now is to find a way to improve it significantly, although it will never be a standout hole.

The teeshot is much improved but would be further strengthened by slipping both bunkers into the fairway more. The fairway should come in behind the left bunker, encouraging longer players to take it on from the tee.

The approach to the green needs to be given much more definition and strategy. As a start, add a short left bunker that has the dual effect of making the lay up shot more interesting and will stop some shots from going out of bounds or into the ditch. Next, the left hand bunker of the three on the right is to be filled in to open up the neck. Two further bunkers are to be added at the front left corner of the green with the surrounds shapes merging into the edge of the green. These will define the front of the green more, soften the appearance of the front of the green and will encourage players to take on the right bunkers more than they currently would. The approach to the green will be reshaped so that it is more feasible to run the ball onto the upper level of the green.

The drop down from the high front level to back is too great. It makes the green too fluky and many balls end up shooting off the green towards and sometimes into the ditch. The big step also limits sensible pin positions. The upper level cannot be lowered because it is close to the existing ground level in places so the only option is to raise some or all of the lower level reducing the drop down by half and raising the back so that it is more receptive than the present green. These shapes should tie in with general reshaping of the green surrounds to make it more links-like in appearance. These are quite extensive proposals but, as with the 9th, it is important to improve this hole as much as possible within sensible limits.

Recommendations

1. Edge left bunker into fairway and cut the fairway in behind it so that longer players are encouraged to try to carry it.
2. Slide right bunker left to the edge of the fairway, giving it a bolder shape.
3. Strong left short approach that will make lay up shots more challenging but which will also stop balls from going OOB or into the ditch.
4. Fill the first bunker on the right to open up this side a little more.
5. Add two left greenside bunkers that will work in tandem with the pair of right approach bunkers, catching who do not take the right bunkers on.
6. Remaining right bunkers given slightly stronger shape.
7. Players encouraged to play over the right bunkers to approach the green from this side.
8. Approach raised and shaped to be more receptive to shots coming from the right.
9. Intermediate shelf formed to reduce the big drop down from the front shelf to the back area.
10. Raise the ground between the rear of the green and ditch to stop balls short.



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