

Laura Crawford

From: Bolan, Peter
Sent: 19 September 2025 09:00
To: Planning
Subject: Ref: LA01/2024/0444/F
Attachments: LA01:2024:0444:F Letter of Support Dr Peter Bolan.docx

To whom it may concern

Please find attached letter from myself in support of the new developments at Portstewart Golf Club,
Ref: LA01/2024/0444/F

Kind Regards
Peter



Dr Peter Bolan
Director: Golf Management
Senior Lecturer in International Tourism Management

Department of Hospitality Tourism and Events Management, Ulster University Business School
Coleraine Campus, Northern Ireland BT52 1SA
Tel: +44 (0)28 70 123957 Email:

Web: <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/staff/ps-bolan> LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/peterbolan/>

Masters in Golf Management: <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/postgradfocus/courses/golf-management>

This email and any attachments are confidential and intended solely for the use of the addressee and may contain information which is covered by legal, professional or other privilege. If you have received this email in error please notify the system manager at postmaster@ulster.ac.uk and delete this email immediately. Any views or opinions expressed are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Ulster University.

The University's computer systems may be monitored and communications carried out on them may be recorded to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes. Ulster University does not guarantee that this email or any attachments are free from viruses or 100% secure. Unless expressly stated in the body of a separate attachment, the text of email is not intended to form a binding contract. Correspondence to and from the University may be subject to requests for disclosure by 3rd parties under relevant legislation.

The Ulster University was founded by Royal Charter in 1984 and is registered with company number RC000726 and VAT registered number GB672390524. The primary contact address for Ulster University in Northern Ireland is Cromore Road, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA



Ulster University
Cromore Road
Coleraine
County Londonderry
BT52 1SA
Northern Ireland

ulster.ac.uk

Planning Department
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
Coleraine
BT52 1EY

18th September 2025

Re: Planning Application Ref: LA01/2024/0444/F – Portstewart Golf Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to confirm my strong support for the planning application submitted by Portstewart Golf Club (Ref: LA01/2024/0444/F). The plans for course upgrades on the Riverside and Strand layouts, the addition of modern covered practice bays, an improved short game area, enhanced landscaping, and a much-needed overspill car park represent a forward-looking investment. These proposals will not only strengthen the facilities available to members and visitors but will also deliver lasting benefits to the wider Causeway Coast and Glens area.

Portstewart Golf Club holds a vital place within the local community, serving not only as a leading sporting facility but also as a hub for social and cultural activity. The club provides substantial employment in the area, including jobs directly through its day-to-day operations and indirectly by driving business to local suppliers and service providers. Its influence extends well beyond golf itself, contributing significantly to the strength of the local economy and playing an important part in sustaining the tourism and hospitality industries that are so crucial to the region.

As one of Northern Ireland's most highly regarded golf destinations (and indeed on the entire island of Ireland), Portstewart Golf Club attracts thousands of visitors from across the world each year (over 10,000 from the US alone). These golf tourists contribute significantly to local hotels, restaurants, shops, and transport services, generating economic activity far beyond the club itself. The international reputation of the Strand Course, having hosted prestigious tournaments such as the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, further enhances the area's profile on the global stage and strengthens Northern Ireland's standing as a leading golf tourism destination.

The planned improvements will ensure the club continues to meet the highest standards expected by members, visiting golfers, and tournament organisers. Facilities such as modern practice bays and upgraded short game areas are essential for attracting and retaining top-level events, while improved landscaping and parking provision will enhance the overall visitor experience. These investments will secure long-term benefits, supporting

sustainable tourism growth, creating further employment opportunities, and ensuring the club remains a key driver of economic vitality in the region.

For these reasons, I strongly support this application and respectfully urge the Council to grant planning permission.

Yours faithfully

Dr Peter Bolan
Director Golf Management
Senior Lecturer in International Tourism Management
Ulster University