No Play Zones marked by white lines to protect abnormal course conditions (badly worn areas) have been established around many of our greens.

What is a No Play Zone (NPZ)

- An area where you must take free relief if your ball is in it, no choice
- Some of the larger white lined areas are marked NPZ as a reminder but you should treat all white lined areas in the same way

What should I do if my ball is in an NPZ?

- Find the nearest point of full relief not nearer the hole and
    - If your ball is on a closely mown area
        - Use your fairway mat (from 23rd November), place the ball on it to play your next shot unless using a putter in which case you can play from the turf
    - If your ball is in the rough
        - Drop your ball in the rough to play your next shot
- Remember, this is free relief, no penalty

What else should I do with an NPZ?

- Please avoid walking through the NPZ to ensure no further damage is done to the area, hopefully giving the grass a chance to recover

Why have we done this?

- The fairway mats will protect the closely mown areas from player's shots but we also want to protect the NPZ areas by eliminating all footfall through these zones except when you retrieve your ball
- Many of the badly worn areas are where we see very high footfall with many players entering and exiting the greens at the same point

Next steps

- The zones will need marking again every few weeks for the next 4-5 months
    - It's likely new zones will be added, existing zones extended, same rules apply
    - If you see a white lined zone please do not enter it unless you're retrieving your ball
- In the meantime every player can help keep the course in better condition by avoiding walking with or without a trolley on any badly worn areas especially near the greens

Thank you for your support.