

**Method Statement for the Proposed 9th Bunker Construction on the Ailsa Course
At Turnberry
January 2016**

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Machinery to be Utilised

1. A 13 tonne tracked excavator will be used for the shaping of the bunker. The ground pressure is very low due to the spread of the weight of the machine over the large area of the tracks of the machine.
2. Any dump trucks will have low ground pressure flotation tyres to reduce the impact upon the site features.
3. Vehicles will not be permitted within the restricted zone set out in the post-construction archaeological management plan, a copy of which will be retained on-site during the works.

Sequence of Operations

The following sequence of operations would be carried out to permit the creation of the two bunkers at the 9th green on the Ailsa Course at Turnberry.

1. Excavation will be limited to the material imported in late 2015 as part of the new 9th green. No historic ground surfaces are to be disturbed.
2. The final laying of the modern turf had already been postponed at the sites of the bunkers.
3. An watching brief will be maintained by Northlight Archaeology Ltd. during the shaping works in order to ensure that original ground surfaces are not disturbed during excavation or vehicle movements.
4. The top soil will be removed from the working area of the bunkers and stockpiled outside of the working area of the bunkers and outside of the Scheduled Monument Area.
5. The excavation of the bunkers as shown on the plan will be carried out by the use of the excavator.
6. No drainage will be installed in the bunkers.
7. The revetted walls of the bunkers will be formed using local turf stacked one turf on top of another to the required height around the full perimeter of both bunkers. This will be higher on the side of the bunkers closest to the edge of the green.
8. Top soil will be spread to a depth of 150mm over the bunker surrounds beyond this revetted wall.
9. The working area will then be prepared using by hand to ensure consolidation of the bunker surrounds top soil and to achieve perfect levels.
10. Local turf will be imported from outwith the scheduled area to cover all of the bunker surrounds areas leaving the bunker base uncovered.
11. The bunker will be filled to a depth of 100mm with imported bunker sand.