

Menie Public Local Inquiry Suggested Site Visit Itinerary

Please note there may be other points of interest that are not specifically included on this itinerary and the purpose of this is to provide a sensible route around the site. It is the responsibility of persons attending the site visit to indicate these to the Reporters during the site visit.

Tuesday 1st July Morning Visit – North Menie (Back 9, SSSI)

10:00 – Meet at Menie House and then onto Proposed site of hotel (by car)

1. Continue by foot to hole 10, 11, 12. (Note slack transplanting at hole 10 – RSPB)
2. Hole 13 – area of Dome (note eastern edge – RSPB)
3. Hole 14 (View coastal dune edge/ridge at hole 14 – RSPB & SNH
Slack transplanting – RSPB)
4. Hole 15 (View slack transplanting – RSPB)
5. Hole 16 – Sand End Burn
6. Hole 17 – walk up onto Dome, (view areas for stabilisation of sand dome – RSPB)
7. Hole 18 (View slack transplanting- RSPB)

Note to see stock-damaged ground in the SSSI, likely groundwater contamination by stock effluent, habitats which have changed significantly since NVC survey in 1990.(TIGLS)

Lunch

After Lunch (time to be arranged) Meet at Menie House

Afternoon Visit – Visit incorporating Menie House/ /Hotel/Holiday Homes/Club House & Vehicular Access

1. View Menie House & setting.
2. Go to hotel site (by vehicle)
3. From this point look back over course walked yesterday. Visit driving area and down towards proposed clubhouse and golf maintenance building.
4. Area to the north holiday homes & future residential.
5. Return to Menie House (Comfort Break if necessary)

6. Travel to southwest area of future residential. This is an opportunity to look at both the Resort Entrance to 'Trump Boulevard' (North Entrance) and Main Entrance (South Access).

Wednesday 2nd July - South Menie (Front 9 & Future Golf)

10:00 Meet at Balmedie Country Park Car Park.

Please note public toilets are available at the car park.

1. Follow path towards Blairton Burn through Blairton Dunes (part of future golf course site).
2. Continue onto North end of Balmedie sand sheet – Holes 4 & 5. (note to look at Salix scrub system of hole 4 & area to the West of hole 5 – RSPB)
3. Continue through hole 6 to hole 3 & hole 7. (note to look at dune slack at hole 3 – receptor area for slack transplanting, and area to the west of hole 7 – RSPB)
4. Cross Menie Burn towards hole 2 & 8
5. Grid reference 9877.2027 to view digging which has *Pyrola Media* just on its edge. View transplanting trials (RSPB & SNH)
6. Continue to 1 & 9, area of driving range to north west below escarpment & club house at end of hole 9.
Look at the character of potential receptor areas on the western side of the site (e.g. wet grassland close to the driving range (TIGLS))
7. Return towards Balmedie Country Park along beach until reaching Blairton Burn. At this point walk along side the burn (Ramblers) until reaching the pathway back to the car park.

Expected attendees

TIGLS

4 representatives including;
Martin Hawtree

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

Christine Gore
Lesley Aitken
Sonya Galloway

ABERDEEN & GRAMPIAN CHAMBRE OF COMMERCE

Not confirmed

SNH

Dr Jim Hansom

Stewart Angus

David Bale (Substitute for Erica Knott)

RSPB/SWT/BSBI

Not confirmed

RAMBLERS /SCOTWAYS/ALOAF)

John Mackay (Tuesday 1st)

Helen Todd (Tuesday 1st)

John Mackay (Wednesday 2nd)

Helen Todd (Wednesday 2nd)

COUNCILLOR MARTIN FORD ET AL

Not confirmed

OBJECTOR'S GROUP

Michael Foote

Raymond Davidson

Not confirmed

Reporters are also intending to visit the location for affordable housing (off-site) and Dyce/Aberdeen Airport – it is not necessary for these visits to be accompanied.

For information: A copy of the original masterplan and Hawtree Layout (Laminated) will be provided for reference at the site visit.