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Dear Mr. Copijn,

Groot Haesebroek.

I enclose a list of paths and steps. You will notice that I have put in several items which we did not discuss. We can no doubt make minor improvements as we go along. Grass paths should be 4m. wide, except those in connection with T.A. at the 5th, 6th, 7th and 11th, and T.A.A. at the 18th. These can be 2m. only.

About the course, the points about which I have notes are as follows:-

THE WATER SYSTEM.

I have not yet got a plan of this, but looked at a rough copy which your son showed me. The chief thing which struck me was that in many cases the hydrants are shown as being 75 metres apart or even more, whereas, in all the discussions at which I have been present, they were said to be going to be at intervals of 40 metres. I do not understand this very large discrepancy. I told Mr. Haverman about this on Thursday afternoon, June 16th, and am mentioning it in a letter which I am writing to him today. It appears to me to be a very serious matter.

The water plan appeared to be incomplete as regards hydrants at several holes. Your son has notes of various points which I talked over with him.

6th hole. The nose in front of T.C. requires to be taken off.

Please do not forget the hollow in the left hand side of the fairway, just about where a good drive would get. The lip in front of this hollow should be

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reduced in height, and the hollow filled in more.

10th hole. There is a very sharp ledge in the fairway at about 270m., perhaps where the little railway was. This requires to be smoothed out.

↗ Please do not forget to take the fairway up the bank beyond the green about 10m.

↖ T.B. at this hole is shaped wrongly and is nowhere near big enough. Additional teeing space can be obtained by making a second rectangle, in the way we discussed. But the present tee requires to be reshaped.

11th hole. The bank to the left of the hollow, which lies to the left of the approach, is not mowable at present, particularly the top of it.

↖ The bank of the ~~left~~ of the green requires to be dished out a little more, so as to increase the hole-cutting space near the foot of it.

There is a saucer lip on this green, on the left hand side, and at the back. The grading should be carried back another 2 metres or so, to ease this.

12th green. They had made a start on rendering the top-line at the back less lifeless.

↖ The sharp edge all along the front should be knocked off and made round.

The foot of the newly made slope in front has a bad finish.

I have staked a small bunker cut in the big bank on the right hand side of the approach.

15th hole. The left hand side of the fairway, just beyond the direction flag, should be completed in the way you suggest.

17th hole. The small trees at the tee should be retained. The tee should be made in two rectangles, as we discussed, the right hand one being as far back as possible.

The two rectangles combined must give a teeing-space

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of at least 400 sq. metres.

18th hole. There is a large bump in the fairway which obstructs the view for the second shot. This should be entirely removed, so that the surface of the left hand part of the green is clearly visible.

BUSHES AND TREES.

Bushes may be retained in the rough at the following places:-

The bump on the right of the 7th, just beyond the direction stake.

The banks down from both tees at the 15th, and from 16th T.A.

On the left of the 4th green half the trees should be taken away.

On the left of the 10th a few trees should be taken away, so that you can see the right hand side of the green from the tee.

4th HOLE.

The bunker on the right of the green should be brought in to the point staked.

The back of the green should be dished out a bit more, to increase the hole-cutting space.

The work seems to be going well, though we have none too much time. I shall hope to see you again on or about July 12th.

Yours sincerely,

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