

About the application

Application number: 2026/92200	
What is the application for?:	Formation of two outdoor padel courts and associated works
Address of the site or building:	Scholes Cricket And Athletic Club, New Popplewell Lane, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6NN
Postcode:	BD19 6NN

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I've only just been made aware of the plans for Padel and as a regular Padel player I understand the impact these courts have both positive and negative. If this request was for Indoor courts I wouldn't object even though some of the same issues listed below would still stand. The fact this is for outdoor courts changes my opinion drastically: Parking: Match days / football days the car park doesn't accommodate home and away players plus spectators resulting in pavements of new popplewell lane used for parking, my car has been blocked in multiple times due to this and should I need to get out for an emergency it wouldn't be possible. This doesn't take into account that 2 Padel courts would result in around 8 cars per hour attending and these would cross over at 60/90minute change times resulting in potentially 16 additional cars per session. There simply isn't enough parking to accommodate everything the club wants to offer and taking into account the current pavement / dangerous parking an additional batch of vehicles pushes these boundaries further. Only yesterday children (of parents at the club) were flying up and down new popplewell lane on scooters, it's a quiet road at times and they should be able to do this, 16 additional car journeys every 60/90 minutes would impact their safety. Noise I don't believe a correct noise assent has been produced, as a Padel player I know that it's a noisy sport and I know the club already has noise issues which I have complained about in the past. Noise from general conversation with the weather getting hotter and of because these are the times the courts will be more desirable which becomes a loss	

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Padel is a noisy sport with shouting from players and noise from the bats and shots off glass, these noises in this location will echo around, equal to the sound of the cricket days, I can be on a walk half a mile away and hear a ball getting hit let alone 50metres.

The applicant is making various assumptions regarding noise impact that need to be challenged

Hours of use

The planning I believe is for excessive use, I would imagine this is to maximise income with little regard for neighbours, hence why the club have not been in touch with us. I'd be confident this is based on an unmanned entry code system which various clubs use therefore no one would be on site to deal with any kind of disturbance. I recently read that other Padel courts have had specific hours imposed on them during the planning process.

Lighting

I assumed that light pollution was an issue for any council but more importantly for me is the light coming into our home, especially within the early and late hours proposed.

Summary

I believe the applicant has underestimated the residential impact and is relying heavily on assumptions that need to be tested by the council.