

Address: 7, New Popplewell Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 6NN

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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Planning Application: 2026/9220 Scholes Cricket Club, New Popplewell Lane, Scholes, BD19 6NN Proposal: Two outdoor padel courts and associated floodlighting FORMAL OBJECTION I wish to formally object to the above planning application. My property is approximately 37 metres from the proposed padel courts, and I have serious concerns about the effect this development would have on my home, my residential amenity, local traffic and parking, trees, wildlife and the wider environment. 1. Floodlighting, noise and impact on my home The proposed floodlighting is a particular concern because of the very close proximity of the courts to my property. At approximately 37 metres from my home, I am concerned that floodlighting could result in glare, light spill and illumination of my property and garden, particularly during the darker evenings and winter months. I am also concerned about the combination of floodlighting, increased activity and noise from the courts. Padel involves repeated racket and ball impact, player voices and general activity, all of which could be particularly noticeable during the evening when background noise is lower. I am particularly concerned that bright, intrusive or flickering artificial lighting, together with increased evening noise and disturbance, could adversely affect my ability to enjoy my home and could potentially trigger or aggravate I ask the Council to take my circumstances and the very short separation distance into account when assessing residential amenity. I request that a detailed lighting assessment is provided, including predicted light levels at my property, the direction of the lighting, glare and light-spill calculations, proposed operating hours and measures to prevent light escaping beyond the courts. 2. Increased traffic, congestion and parking I am also concerned about the additional traffic that the two padel courts could generate. The development is likely to attract players throughout the day and into the evening	

The development is likely to attract players throughout the day and into the evening, potentially resulting in a significant increase in vehicles using New Popplewell Lane. I am concerned that the existing road and parking arrangements may not be capable of safely accommodating the additional demand.

There is a risk of:

- additional on-street parking;
- vehicles parking close to residents' properties and access points;
- congestion at busy periods;
- vehicles arriving and leaving throughout the evening;
- increased vehicle movements and reversing manoeuvres;
- obstruction of the highway;
- and increased disturbance to neighbouring residents.

The Council should require a proper assessment of the likely parking demand generated by two padel courts, including peak evening periods, rather than assuming that existing parking arrangements will be sufficient.

3. Loss of trees

I understand that trees are proposed to be removed as part of the development.

I strongly object to the loss of established trees in this location.

Trees provide visual screening between the sporting facility and neighbouring homes and contribute to the character and appearance of the area. They also provide habitat and feeding opportunities for birds, insects, bats and other wildlife.

The Council's own guidance states that applications which may affect trees should be supported by appropriate arboricultural information, including a tree survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan.

4. Wildlife and biodiversity

The removal of trees and vegetation, together with the construction of the courts, fencing, lighting and associated hardstanding, could have a significant impact on wildlife.

I am particularly concerned about birds, bats, insects and other species that may use the trees, hedges and surrounding vegetation.

Floodlighting is also potentially harmful to wildlife. Artificial lighting can affect nocturnal species and wildlife movement, including bats.

Kirklees planning decisions have required lighting schemes specifically designed to avoid disturbance to bats and other species, including consideration of areas used for foraging and access to breeding and resting places.

I therefore ask that an appropriate ecological assessment is undertaken before permission is granted and that the Council does not assume that the removal of trees and vegetation will have no ecological consequences.

5. Environmental impact

The development should be considered as a whole rather than simply as two sports courts.

The environmental impact includes:

- removal of existing trees and vegetation;
- loss of wildlife habitat;
- construction activity;
- additional hard surfaces;
- additional vehicle movements;
- increased evening activity;
- artificial lighting;

noise;

and the long-term change to the character of the site.

Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP30 seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and requires development to avoid significant harm to biodiversity, with mitigation and compensation where appropriate.

I ask the Council to carefully assess whether this development can genuinely avoid harm to existing biodiversity and whether the proposed measures would provide meaningful mitigation.

6. Residential amenity

The proximity of the development to my property is a major concern.

At only approximately 37 metres from my home, the courts would introduce a new source of lighting, noise, activity and vehicle movements into my immediate surroundings.

This is not simply a development at some distance from residential properties. The courts would be close enough for their operation to have a direct effect on my day to day enjoyment of my home.