

Address: 1, 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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I wish to object to this planning application on the following grounds.

1 - Increased traffic/parking. – There are already significant parking issues with the existing uses of the club (cricket/football weekly within season plus special events i.e. Bonfire night/karaoke nights/private parties) and despite the best efforts of the club staff to control parking on New Popplewell Lane, it usually descends into chaos once the car park is at capacity.

Cars attending the club do currently park on Scholes Lane but only if New Popplewell Lane is full (and by full I mean double parked, inconsiderately parked opposite peoples driveways even on the narrowest sections, consequently rendering residents unable to leave their homes by vehicle and leaving absolutely no room for any emergency vehicles needing access). Parking on Scholes Lane also causes it's own issues, again, double parking, parking so close to the New Popplewell Lane junction that it causes visibility issues, parking on the pavement leaving no room for prams etc.

This application would potentially mean 16 more vehicles parking on the site at any one time (8 players on court with a further 8 waiting)

2- Light from the floodlights – I live on New Popplewell Lane and whilst I 'think' that I maybe far enough away not to be severely impacted by the floodlights (I can't say that for certain as I can find no details of the proposed lighting plan regarding the brightness or beam spread) I am extremely concerned that whilst the site may not be designated as a formal wildlife corridor, the immediate vicinity serves as an active habitat for local wildlife, including deer, badgers, foxes and a plethora of smaller creatures and birds including owls, curlews, swallows. The introduction of powerful, elevated floodlighting columns will disrupt nocturnal habits of this local wildlife population.

3- Noise - Padel courts are notorious for the excessively loud, continuous, high frequency acoustic impacts that generate in normal play, added to that the noise from 8 boisterous, competitive players, potential spectators, plus their vehicles.

Also, in addition to the aforementioned light issue that our local wildlife would face, I believe that the noise would also have a severe negative impact on them

4 – Toilet Facilities – There are none. Contrary to the existing opening hours stated in the application (a mistake at best, fabricated at worst) the club will not be open for the majority of time that the padel courts would be in use. What will customers of the padel courts use?

Based on the above reasons and the others raised by my neighbours in their objections, I see no other course than to request that you refuse this application outright