

## About the application

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| Application number: 2026/92200   |                                                                                        |
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| 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

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| Type of comment: An objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |
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| <p>At the present time Scholes Cricket and Athletic Club operates as a social club and an amenity for the community. On Saturdays in the cricket season the car park is normally full with team members, spectators and other visitors. More often than not the parking spills out onto New Popplewell Lane, causing normal traffic flow to be hindered. As a resident of New Popplewell Lane we accept that inconvenience.</p> <p>On other occasions a variety of events take place. These include charity fund raising events, dog show, bonfire night , junior soccer tournaments and regular Sunday morning junior soccer matches. Obviously all these activities impact the club by creating more traffic and parking difficulties. Again, if one accepts the desirability of using the club for worthwhile community activities, then these traffic problems can generally be tolerated.</p> <p>Having stated the present situation around Scholes Cricket and Athletic Club, I am now seriously concerned regarding the future impact on the locality if this application is approved. As far back as 2004, an application for a Sports Centre was rejected on the grounds of increases in the volume of traffic in the area. Nothing has changed, and I believe the volume of traffic will have increased in the last 22 years, with new housing developments in the village. The dangerous junction of New Popplewell Lane and Scholes Lane still exists. Scholes Lane (B6120) is already used by local traffic and as 'through' road. If there is a problem on the M62 motorway (accident, road closure , road works etc), this too impacts the area with drivers seeking alternative routes.</p> <p>Parking on New Popplewell Lane and Scholes Lane will no doubt increase and make residents' situations extremely difficult when accessing or leaving their properties. The proposed policy for volunteers to organise and direct drivers to other locations, seems to be more a 'hope' than a 'reality'. If approved the occasional inconvenience will no longer be that, but a regular occurrence. Overflow parking also raises significant concerns about the ability for emergency vehicles to access the club and residences. I have observed occasions when it would be very difficult for the emergency services to</p> |    |

get past parked cars.

There is no indication in the planning application of the provision of changing rooms or facilities for the players. Where will they access toilets or showers? The Club is closed Monday and Tuesday. Other weekdays it is open from early evening to approximately 10pm. Saturday and Sunday it opens at lunchtime. These opening hours bear no resemblance to the hours proposed hours the Padel courts will operate. What provision will there be for these facilities?

The impact of floodlighting from 6am to 11pm, as proposed will have a great effect on the locality. There is little doubt that such intrusive lighting will deter wildlife in the area. Deer, foxes, badgers, as well as small small mammals will disappear. All these animals have been observed by residents. The variety of birds in the area, including curlew, tawny owl and long tailed tits is unlikely to survive with such alighting assault on their habitats.

The proposed plan does not address the real effect of the noise pollution that will occur as a result of Padel court activity. The fact that these are outdoor courts ensures that nearby residents will suffer the 'gun shot' type bangs of padel on ball. Those further away will still be subject to the noise at a lower level, as now with cricket bat on ball. In addition there will be the noise created by the players when on court, for up to 17 hours a day, 7 days a week!

On-line management and supervision would not appear to be adequate for such a participant led and intensive use facility. Given the proposed hours of operation, I would expect such a facility to be part of a larger, manned sports complex, rather than in a largely unattended village cricket club.

To sum up, I strongly object to this planning application on the grounds of:-

1. Increased traffic from early morning till late at night
2. The impact of parking in the surrounding neighbourhood
3. The lack of changing and toilet facilities
4. The impact of floodlighting on both residents and wildlife
5. Noise pollution
6. The lack of supervision or support during the proposed long opening hours