

OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 2026/92200

Site: Scholes Cricket and Athletic Club, New Popplewell Lane, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6NN

Proposal: Formation of two outdoor padel courts and associated works

Case officer: Nicole Helliwell

Consultation closes: 28 September 2026

Date: 13th September 2026

We object to this application on several grounds which includes:

1. Noise
2. Light Pollution
3. Opening Hours
4. Increase in Traffic / Parking
5. Effect on local wildlife and trees

1.0 Noise – As residents of New Popplewell Lane for over 20 years the impact of noise from cars, sports teams and late-night drinkers to and from the Cricket Club has been a contentious point, resulting in complaints on numerous occasions. To then add to this with the proposed paddle court application resulting in yet more cars, more visitors and more noise, so close to a residential area and in a green space shows a complete and utter disregard for the residents. The current level of disturbance from the various cricket club activities is just about tolerable, as it provides sporting facilities to various local teams. The constant high decibel sound of padel balls being struck, players shouting and celebrating and then vehicles coming and going from 6am to 11am, 7 days a week is simply unjustifiable in a quiet residential area and is wholly unsuitable in the proposed location.

2.0 Light Pollution – the proposed 6 metre floodlights would create light pollution for residents and the surrounding area. Cars arriving and leaving in the hours of darkness would add to this further.

3.0 Opening Hours – the proposed opening hours are not justifiable in a quiet residential area. Opening 17 hours a day from 6am to 11pm would create additional disturbance to residents with cars, players and the noise of balls /rackets while many residents would be sleeping at either end of the day, especially those with young families.

4.0 Increase in traffic / parking – Residents already suffer with cars travelling at speed up and down New Popplewell Lane. This is particularly prevalent on Saturday and Sundays when a constant stream of cars arrive and depart during the cricket and football seasons. The club also holds various parties & events including bonfire night. With limited parking on site, the inevitable overspill results in cars being parked on New Popplewell Lane with a total disregard for local residents access. This would be exacerbated further by the proposed application as padel players would be forced to park on New Popplewell Lane during busy periods when the on site car park is full on Saturday and Sundays and busy event days.

5.0 Effect on local wildlife and trees – the proposed application sits in a quiet green space which is surrounded by local wildlife including a wide variety of nesting birds, owls, birds of prey, foxes, badgers and deer. The loud sound of players hitting padel rackets early in the morning to late at night would disturb the natural patterns and disturb wildlife irrevocably. The proposed removal of established trees due to their inconvenience is not justifiable.

In summary we believe this application isn't justifiable and should be denied due to the various points raised.

Yours sincerely