



Wargrave Tennis Club
Recreation Ground
Wargrave, Berkshire, RG10 8BG
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Wargrave Tennis Club - Second Padel Court and Clubhouse Extension

Document 8 - Noise Impact Statement

1. Introduction

This Noise Impact Statement has been prepared in support of a full planning application by Wargrave Tennis Club (WTC) for development at the Recreation Ground, Recreation Road, Wargrave.

The statement considers the potential noise effects associated with:

- the reconfiguration of the existing approved padel court;
- the provision of a second 'pop-up' padel court adjacent to it; and
- a single-storey pitched-roof extension to the north and south of the existing clubhouse.

The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate that the proposals will not give rise to unacceptable noise impacts on neighbouring residential amenity.

2. Site Context and Noise-Sensitive Receptors

The application site is located within an established recreation ground that has long accommodated outdoor sports activity, including tennis, padel and football.

The nearest residential properties are located at a distance of over **100 metres** from the proposed padel courts, separated by intervening recreational land and existing landscape features. The nearest residential road is also located more than 100 metres from the site.

Given this separation distance, the site benefits from a significant buffer between sporting activity and noise-sensitive receptors.

3. Existing Noise Environment

The existing noise environment is characterised by:

- regular daytime and evening sports activity associated with tennis, padel and football;
- intermittent noise from recreational use typical of a community sports facility;
- background noise from general village activity.

Since the installation and operation of the first padel court in 2025, **no complaints have been received from local residents** in relation to noise. This provides strong evidence that padel activity at this location is compatible with the surrounding environment. In addition, we have not had any complaints in the past 5 years for noise related to activities in our main clubhouse building.

4. Nature of Padel Noise

Padel noise is primarily generated by: a) ball strike on rackets and court surfaces; b) intermittent vocal communication between players. Unlike some sports activities, padel does not involve continuous mechanical noise, amplified sound or crowd noise. Activity is intermittent and limited to the duration of booked sessions.

5. Proposed Development and Noise Implications

The proposed development introduces a second padel court adjacent to the existing approved court, together with an extension to an existing clubhouse building. Key considerations include:

- the second court is identical in design and use to the existing court;
- both courts are located over 100 metres from the nearest residential receptors;
- the courts are arranged side-by-side in a compact layout that avoids dispersal of activity across the site;
- the clubhouse extensions relate to an existing clubhouse building and do not introduce a change of use;
- hours of operation remain unchanged from those previously approved.

The reconfiguration does not introduce a new noise source but represents a modest increase in the intensity of an established and accepted recreational use.

6. Noise Assessment and Mitigation

Given:

- the significant separation distance to residential properties;
- the absence of any noise complaints from the existing padel court;
- the established recreational context of the site;
- the identical nature of the proposed second court;

it is considered that the development will not give rise to unacceptable noise impacts. Specific noise mitigation measures, such as acoustic fencing, are not considered necessary. Existing management measures, including controlled hours and booking systems, will continue to be employed.

7. Planning Policy Context

Planning policy recognises that community sports facilities will generate some noise as an acceptable part of their function. The proposals strike an appropriate balance between facilitating community sport and protecting residential amenity, in accordance with local and national planning objectives.

8. Conclusion

This Noise Impact Statement demonstrates that:

- the proposed development will not result in unacceptable noise impacts;
- the nearest residential receptors are located at a substantial distance from the padel courts;
- the existing padel court has operated without complaint since 2025;
- no additional noise mitigation measures are required.

It is therefore concluded that the proposed development is acceptable in noise terms and accords with relevant planning policy.