



**Minutes of the Tennis Annual Meeting held on
Monday 3rd November 2025**

Present:

Andrew Wakely (Committee Chair)

Andy Gilbert

Anastasia Rentouli

Oli Golding

Emily Monson

Mark Young

Lily Brown

Nick Baybutt

Clive Green

Penny Egan

Robert Leck

Sunil Bhasin

Lorna Bhasin

Rob Dickson

Rachel Gilman

Nick Gilman

Matthew Salisbury

Helen Smart

Giles O'Flynn

Louise O'Flynn

Rob Sadler

Pippa Walker

Nikki Walker

Ian Walker

Belinda O'Connor

Andrew Monson

Isabelle Townsend
Teresa Orange

In Attendance:

Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director)
Paul Lindsay	(Racquets Manager)

1. Committee Chair Report – Andrew Wakely.

Good evening. Thank you for attending.

Yet again we have our elite players shining a light on our fantastic club. Roehampton member Lloyd Glasspool and his partner Julian Cash won the Wimbledon Mens' Doubles event this year. The first all British pair to do so in the Open Era. Lloyd is currently #1 ranked mens' doubles player in the world. Our Junior Hannah Klugman reached the French Open junior final where she was sadly beaten, and Mimi Xu won both singles and ladies doubles at the Wrexham open last week. Joe Salisbury just missed out on another two Grand Slam titles in France and America, Arthur Fery made his Davis Cup debut for Great Britain and Henry Patten won the Paris Masters yesterday. This is a golden period for our club and in years to come we will look back with amazement. Congratulations to all of them.

Dan will be covering team news and results in his report, which is next up, so I will leave related topics to him.

Marc is going to provide an update into how the Club's working group is looking to accommodate more Padel and some new Pickleball courts.

Can I thank our Team Captains across the spectrum who arrange our matches against different clubs. Selecting teams when you have many willing participants is tricky as is selecting teams when you don't. Getting dates organised and then procuring courts and teas. These are not easy jobs and are time consuming. They demand our thanks and appreciation.

Dan, Nik and I often get messages questioning court times and availability for certain groups or demographics within the club. Everyone thinks they are under served, whether they are social players or parents trying to get lessons or teams angling for indoor courts. Please remind yourselves we have 4,000 tennis members of which 900 are juniors - all of which have requirements and desires.

Nik and Dan do an amazing job balancing these requirements. At the moment we have a bit of a pinch point because the seasonal bubble for courts 12-14 hasn't gone up yet for technical reasons. - a new inflation unit has been purchased and will be delivered and fitted this week. This means there is a bit of a squeeze on indoor courts, so you might not get exactly what you want for a week or two. Nobody has a right to play at a certain time on a certain day every week. Try and be a bit more flexible and book times that are not so busy - not always possible I appreciate but worth a look. I feel Nik and Dan are like the BBC - the left think they are biased towards the right and the right feel they are biased towards the left which indicates they are

doing a pretty job.

As usual thanks to Chris Hughes and his team for maintaining all our courts to such an extraordinarily good standard. We are all proud of our courts especially when we have guests and other clubs here as they always comment how fabulous they are.

As I retire from the committee along with Howard Spence having maxed out our terms we welcome on Anastasia Rentouli and Andy Gilbert who won the recent election. Thank you Howard for your contributions and congratulations to Oli Golding who has been voted by the Committee as Tennis Chair going forward.

Also thanks to Dan Lott, Nik Snapes, and Paul Lindsay for their enthusiasm and professionalism in helping to keep Roehampton Club as the number 1 sports club in the UK. It's been a privilege to work with them as being on Committee you really see how they keep all the balls juggling in the air.

Over and out.

Racquets Director Report – Dan Lott

October 2025

It's been another fantastic year for racquet sports at Roehampton Club! We continue to stand out as one of the leading racquets clubs in the country, and it's been brilliant to see so many members enjoying everything from tennis and padel to pickleball and squash.

Facilities and Courts

This year saw some big improvements across our racquet's facilities. Courts 7–10 were completely resurfaced after we had some bounce and dead-spot issues when they were first laid under the airhall. The great news is that the work was carried out at no cost to the club, and we now have four brand-new Plexipave courts that are performing well.

Both air handling units are also being replaced, which should finally solve the winter frost and airflow issues we've faced in the past. The airhalls continue to give us 10 indoor courts during the colder months, and they remain very popular at peak times. If your group can play during off-peak afternoons, you'll have a much better chance of securing an indoor slot.

Having this many indoor courts has been a real boost for our coaching programme — most junior, adult, and social sessions can now run regardless of the weather.

Padel

Padel continues to grow rapidly, with around 90% court occupancy! The club's clear goal to expand our padel offering is well underway. Plans are in motion to build five new padel courts

on courts 4–6, with at least three covered (subject to planning). This location gives us the best chance of having all-weather padel courts, which will make a huge difference through the winter.

To replace the three tennis courts being converted, the TC will have the option of turning grass courts 25–28 into all-weather Smash courts with floodlights.

There are also plans to create a beautiful new garden grass court that will be a real showcase for the club. This special court will host a series of exhibitions, competitions, and social play events, giving members a truly unique playing experience in a stunning setting

We've also joined the iPadel leagues, and this winter's Surrey league matches may all be played over one weekend at an indoor venue (awaiting confirmation).

This summer we hosted a successful external padel event — the HOP Padel Event (June 14th). This brought in great competition and showcased Roehampton as a premier padel venue.

In the National Club League, the men's 1st team narrowly missed out in the final against Rocks Lane; the 2nd team were relegated, but the 3rd team earned promotion! The ladies battled hard and stayed up in the top league.

A big thank you to Paul Lindsay, who continues to do an excellent job leading the section — running a strong coaching, social, and competition calendar for all ages and abilities.

Popular sessions this year included:

- Ladies' Morning
- Club Night
- Padel Club Morning & Afternoon
- Junior Coaching Groups
- Team Training Sessions
- One-off Social Events

Our internal Padel Leagues now feature over 70 teams! To help manage demand there is a mix of teams in each division.

The 5th Annual Padel Club Championships ran from August through to the Finals on Saturday 20th September. It was a great day of high-level padel and fantastic member support. Next year, we plan to host it as a three-day summer event to make scheduling easier and more enjoyable.

Tennis

Tennis remains our busiest racquet sport, with a huge variety of social play, coaching, and competitions for juniors and adults alike.

We continue to offer free member sessions throughout the week, including Ladies' Morning,

Mixed Bash Night, and Club Night. This summer, we moved Wednesday Club Night to courts 15–18 and the lower grass courts, giving it more visibility and creating a great atmosphere in the middle of the club.

Our LiveBall sessions have been a huge hit — now running five times a week and always fully booked. These sessions are a fun way for members to meet new players and get involved in fast-paced group coaching.

Members also enjoy access to Slinger Ball machines and the REBO hitting wall behind court 11 — both are free to use.

On the competitive front, the Men's 1st Team just missed out on the National title, losing a nail-biting doubles shoot-out 11–9 to David Lloyd Raynes Park. However, the Ladies' Team made history, winning the National title for the first time in 13 years! Huge congratulations to Nik Snapes for another outstanding year leading our elite teams.

Nik also organised some ITF seniors event this year that has been greatly received by members who would not normally enter such events.

Vets' friendlies continue through the summer, although fielding teams continues to be challenging with so many members competing elsewhere. We'll keep working to attract new players to these matches.

The upcoming winter season promises to be very busy, with Surrey Leagues, National Club Leagues, and Junior Team competitions all in full swing.

We also look forward to our 125 year in 2026 where we are busy planning a variety of members events and celebrations.

Pickleball

After Louis's departure earlier this year, Paul Lindsay has stepped in to manage Pickleball and has done a superb job maintaining the section.

Current offerings now include:

- Two tiers of Ladies' Mornings
- Drill Sessions
- "Intro to Pickleball" sessions
- Club Night
- Roll-Ups and Social Play

It's clear that our pickleball players are eager for more regular play, and we're exploring options for permanent pickleball courts in the future. For now, our focus remains on completing the padel expansion first.

Racquets Team

The Racquets Team remains strong and stable.

- Nik Snapes continues as Tennis Manager, leading the junior programme, competitions, and captaining the Men's 1st Team.
- Paul Lindsay oversees padel, pickleball, and squash, keeping all sections thriving.
- Danielle Snapes manages our hugely popular Mini Racquets sessions for members aged 5 and under.

We welcomed Sam Price to the team earlier this year, and he'll be joining full-time in January. We now have 17 fantastic coaches delivering a full and vibrant coaching programme.

Our online booking system makes it easy for members to find and book lessons.

This year, I provided various Coach Education Days with external tutors and hosted an International Coaches Conference on 29th June, featuring world-class speakers — including Judy Murray! These initiatives ensure our team continues to grow and stay at the forefront of coaching excellence.

Junior Coaching

The Junior Tennis Programme is thriving, with over 450 juniors enrolled. We continue to run matchplays to introduce players to competition in a fun, supportive environment, with results fed directly into the LTA system.

Nik has also organised several external LTA-graded tournaments at Roehampton, giving our juniors valuable experience competing against players from other clubs.

Club Championships & Competitions

The Tennis Club Championships were another highlight of the summer, with exciting finals (including a mixed doubles match that ran late into the evening!). The staggered draw format worked well again this year, allowing top players and improving juniors to compete across balanced matches.

Internal club leagues (singles, doubles, and mixed) remain hugely popular, and we've also brought back the Vets' Friendlies and the Quadrangular matches at AELTC involving Queens and Hurlingham.

A big thank you to my team Nik, Paul and Danielle. Also, Chris Hughes, and his team for their hard work throughout the season — especially for keeping the grass courts in such great shape.

Our club teams continue to shine in external competitions. Many of our Surrey League teams

won their divisions. Congratulations to John and Lily, our dedicated team captains.

In Summary

It's been a truly outstanding year for racquet sports at Roehampton — on and off the court. From court upgrades and new coaching initiatives to national titles and packed social calendars, there's so much to celebrate.

Thank you to all our members, coaches, captains, and staff for making this another brilliant year.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Howard Spence for all his valuable input and support over the last three years.

And a very special thank you to our Tennis Chair, Andrew Wakely, who has done a fantastic job leading the section through the past five years — your dedication, enthusiasm, and guidance have been greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Here's to another exciting and successful year ahead!

Dan Lott

Racquets Director

October 2025

Padel and Pickleball Update – Marc Newey

MN presented update of the padel/pickleball court plans and ideas that the Working Group and board have been discussing. The Working Group has representatives from Tennis Committee, Padel, Pickleball, Family Forum and Health Club Committee as there many divergent interests on what extra facilities are requested.

He displayed (attached) the plans which are part of the planning pre application to WBC proposing 5 new padel courts being built on courts 4-6. The Board believes this is the best location to secure a roof over the courts due to the proximity to the current ITC and seasonal airhall two and showed how the cover is less obtrusive there with its line of sight. If this was approved to apply for full planning permission for this conversion it was discussed that the Tennis Committee must then decide where best to replace the three all weather courts with floodlights. An option for this would be to replace courts 26-28 with green artificial clay courts with floodlights. MN showed this on the images. He also showed that how awful a padel cover on courts 26-28 would look and after consultation with the Roehampton Lane residents rep it was agreed not to consider this option. The rep understood that replacement green clay courts with floodlights was a viable option. The possible Health Club extension for extra sunbathing, a MUGA and a new playground for youngsters, requested by the Family Forum, would be incorporated within court 25 area and then this would leave space for 3 tennis courts on 26 – 28.

RD asked if there is a separate padel and pickleball committee or if it was part of the Tennis Committee. AW explained that there are padel and pickleball representatives that sit on the committee giving their views and ideas. The plan is to create a separate Committee/ Forum for padel and pickleball in the future when we have more padel courts. If a Committee it would need

Board approval as members would need to be elected to those positions so a Padel and Pickleball Forum with invited reps may be an interim step.

RG suggested the club are too precious with the grass courts not allowing members on them early enough in the mornings or being too cautious throughout the season. At the end of the summer the courts should have bare baselines. RG asked if there are stats on the grass court usage when open and believed that the stats might not show the realistic picture of the demand due to the courts being closed too often. PW and NW supported this comment.

MN disputed this claim saying the Grounds staff will open the courts prior to 11am if they are dry and they have finished their maintenance work. The staff are proud of the courts they produce and want Members to be playing on them in good condition throughout the summer.

He committed to ensuring the staff will open the courts at 10 or 10.30am if they are safe to next year allowing for maintenance one day a week for line marking and court rotation etc. Our courts open on May 1st which is the earliest locally and close mid-September so they can be prepared properly for the next season. He also felt that the usage of the grass courts was higher in 2025 than in 2024.

NB – DL has attached the Grass court booking stats for the 24/25 seasons for information.

TO was worried about the location of the 5 Padel courts on courts 4-6 as it would cause lots of noise in a central location of the club. MN suggested that there are now new ways to help solve this with acoustic panelling etc. so we would look to do this to lessen the amount of noise in the area.

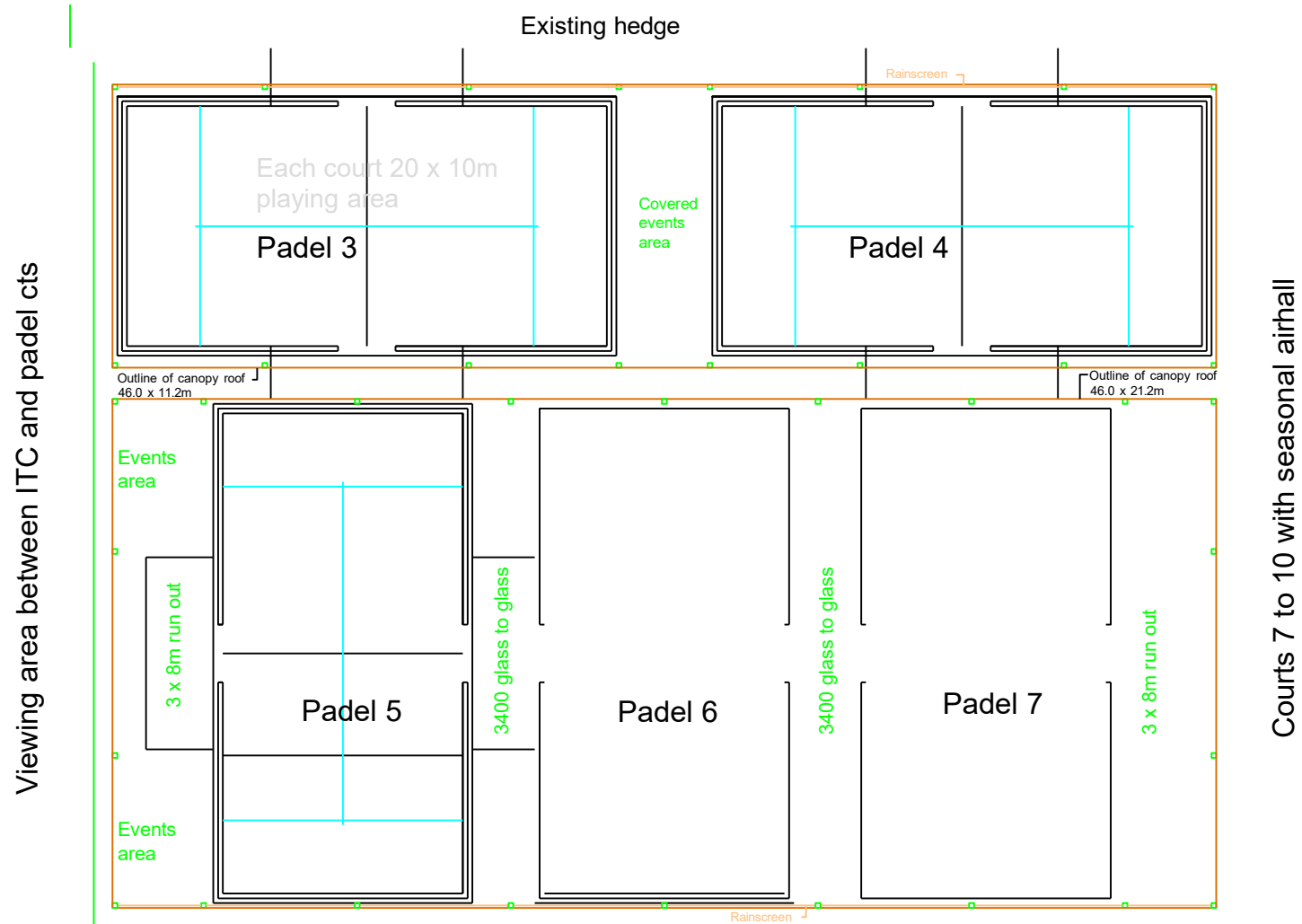
EM commented that using court 25 for the health club extension would ruin the atmosphere in that part of the club. MN commented that having a playground and a games area for children next to the noisy outdoor pool area is the obvious place for families to enjoy themselves. RPFC next door is noisy as well with large floodlights on most evenings.

Other meeting attendees commented on the location of the new padel courts and suggested other locations. MN explained that we have been working on this project for over 2 years and lots of the locations suggested have been researched and are just not possible to due various safety reasons or “impact on openness” which is the term the planners use as their reason for rejection.

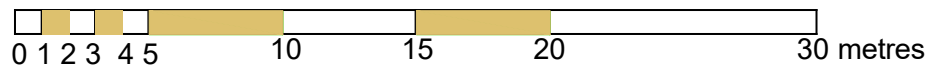
Therefore, the application for a pre app meeting will go in with this plan to see if it’s feasible from a planning perspective including the cover. If it’s not possible to get a cover for padel then we would potentially look again at other locations. If successful, then the Tennis Committee would be charged with suggesting the best location for three replacement all weather courts with floodlights if it doesn’t agree with courts 26-28 as suitable.

No AOB was put forward

The meeting ended at 8:04pm



Roehampton Club Five padel courts on cts. 4-6 Court level plan



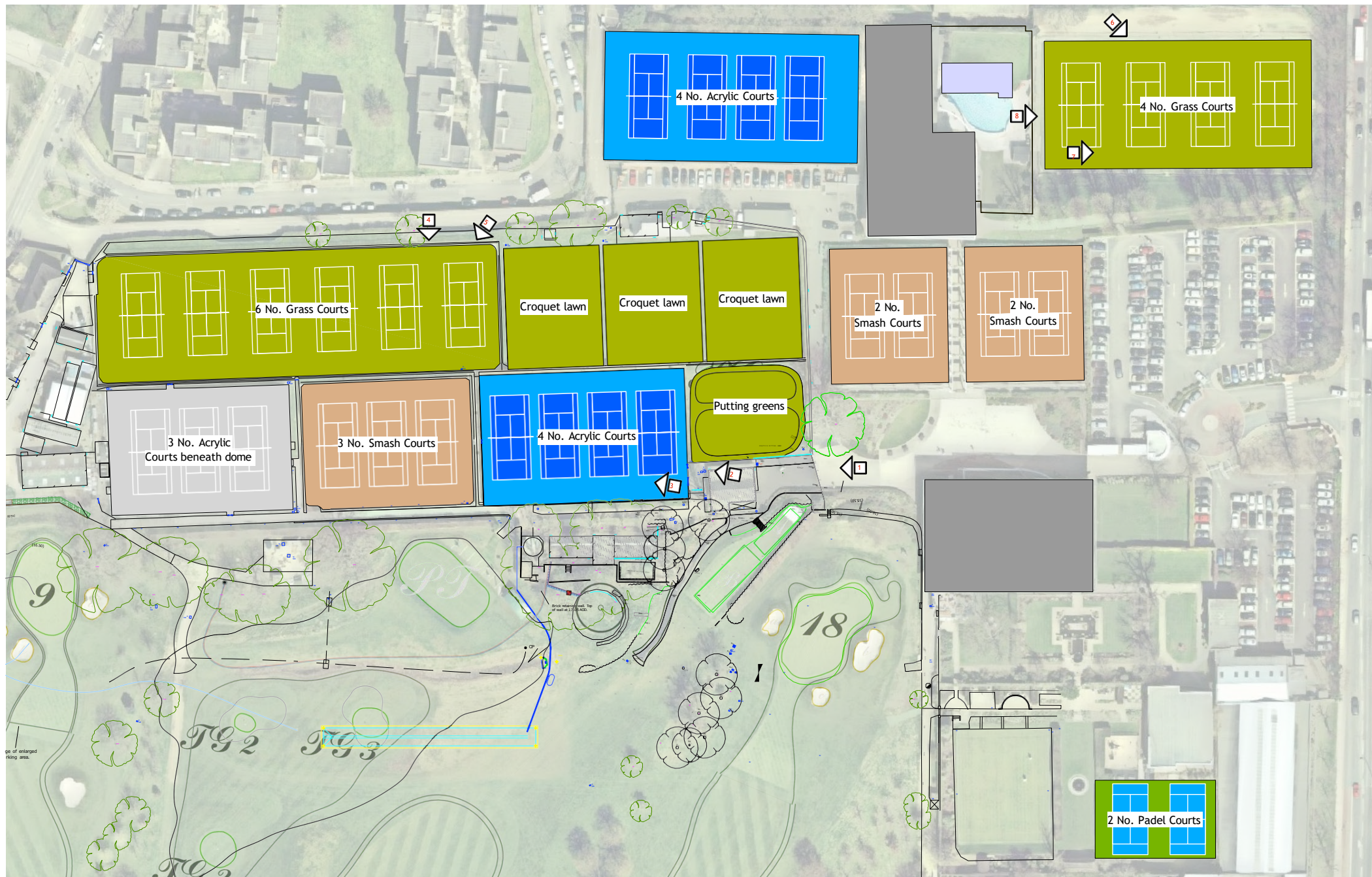
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Proposed padel court locations

15.10.25



Viewpoints key

Viewpoint 1



Courts 4, 5 and 6 converted to 5 no. padel courts. 1 roof covers 3 courts running parallel to each other and 1 roof covers 2 courts running end to end

Viewpoint 2



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Viewpoint 4



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Viewpoint 5



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Viewpoint 6



Courts 25, 26, 27 and 28 converted to 3 no. green clay courts and 4 no. pickleball courts

Viewpoint 7



Courts 25, 26, 27 and 28 converted to 3 no. green clay courts and 4 no. pickleball courts

Viewpoint 8 - Option 1



Courts 25, 26, 27 and 28 converted to 3 no. green clay courts and 4 no. pickleball courts

Viewpoint 8 - Option 2



Courts 25, 26, 27 and 28 converted to 5 no. padel courts where 1 roof covers 3 courts running parallel to each other and 4 no. pickleball courts

Grass Court Usage Report 2024 & 2025

Courts: Grass 25–28 (2024)

Metric	Individual	Court Closures & Events	Total
Bookings	2,094	6,377	8,471
Availability	12,180	12,180	12,180
Usage	17.19%	52.36%	69.55%

Courts: Grass 19–24 (2024)

Metric	Individual	Court Closures & Events	Total
Bookings	1,818	9,392	11,210
Availability	18,270	18,270	18,270
Usage	9.95%	51.41%	61.36%

Courts: Grass 25–28 (2025)

Metric	Individual	Court Closures & Events	Total
Bookings	2,682	4,584	7,266
Availability	12,096	12,096	12,096
Usage	22.17%	37.90%	60.07%

Courts: Grass 19–24 (2025)

Metric	Individual	Court Closures & Events	Total
Bookings	2,309	7,986	10,295
Availability	18,144	18,144	18,144
Usage	12.73%	44.01%	56.74%

Summary & Key Insights

- **Court Closures & Event usage** continues to represent the main driver of court occupancy. These bookings include any entries made by administrators, such as 'Club Championships', 'Events', or 'Court Closed' due to wet weather. Therefore, a large proportion of Court Closures & Events bookings correspond to court closures.
- **Courts 25–28** saw a reduction in overall usage from **69.55% (2024)** to **60.07% (2025)**, primarily due to fewer Closure & Event bookings. This suggests that weather conditions were more favourable, allowing the courts to be available for booking more often. (*'Court Closed' entries are categorised within 'Court Closures & Events' bookings. *)
- **Individual play** increased notably across both court blocks in 2025 reflecting stronger member engagement and improved weather conditions. Court usage despite this still remains low.
- **Court availability hours** remained consistent across both years, indicating that the changes are mainly driven by booking patterns rather than scheduling.