

Napton Padel Project: Summary of Proposals

1. **We propose to install two floodlit padel courts** at Napton Sports Field, with online booking and linked secure entry system. Local people will benefit from priority access and discounted booking fees ensuring the facility is inclusive and accessible for the whole community. The following image shows the proposed site location.



2. **A survey of villagers shows:**

- 99% of responders are either “extremely supportive” or “supportive”
- Separate discussion with residents in proximity i.e. 100m or less from the proposed courts showed they are supportive.

3. **Project Capital Costs**

- The estimated capital costs for build and commissioning 2 Padel Courts is between **£175,000 to £195,000**, including a **10%** contingency fund.
- We anticipate that this will be financed through:
 - Interest bearing loan capital
 - Grants and Award donations
 - Sponsorship and Partnership donations
 - Community Investment (Napton Padel Bonds)

4. **Income based on LTA suggested utilisation rates:**

- LTA projected activity data for a two-court facility that predicts an average court utilisation rate of **50% in Year 1** rising to **95% by Year 3** and beyond.
- Court fees for doubles ‘pay to play’ use being an average of £7 per person per hour ;
(Coventry Padel charge ‘pay and play’ up to £16.50/person/hr, Bicester charge up to £8.50/person/hr)
- Monthly membership fee of £20 with court fees being an average of £4 per person per hour. (Equivalent or less than other Padel courts)
- Villagers receive 25% reduction on these prices for the first year.
- 5% Interest bearing loans account for 50% of operating capital, to be repaid over 3 years
- Balance of operating capital funding from gifts, grants and sponsorship incurring no repayment costs.

The projected financial performance assumes 100 members in year 1, increasing to 300 in year 3, and where half of the members are from Napton and only 30% utilisation increasing to 95% in year 3 with 300 members:

Year Court Usage Gross Income (£) Operating Costs (£) Net Surplus (£)

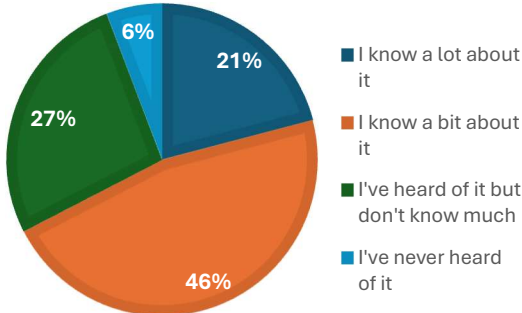
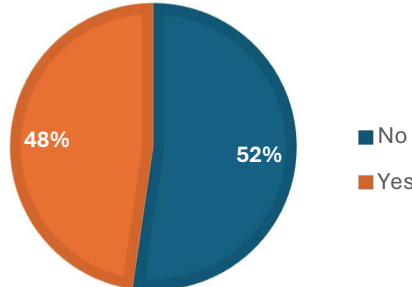
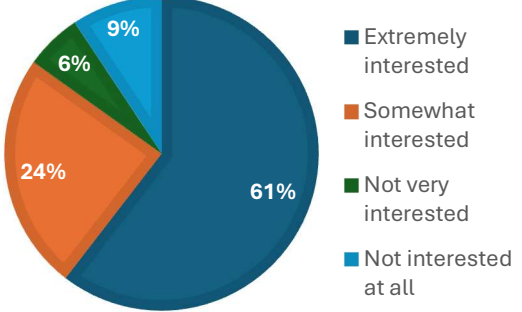
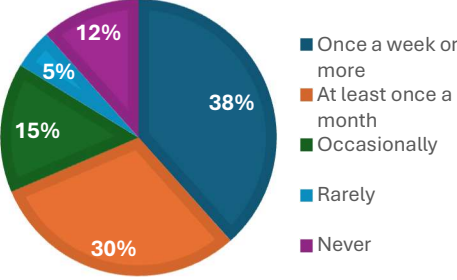
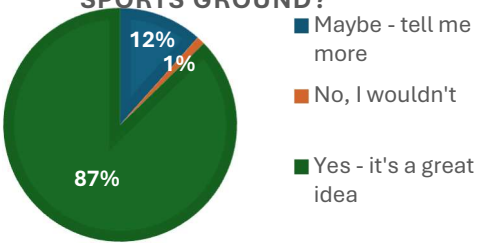
1	40%	86,800	60,700	26,100
2	60%	131,700	38,700	93,000
3	95%	229,600	38,700	190,900

The project will generate a **net operating surplus from year 1**, which will be reinvested into:

- Phase 2 of the Padel facility
- Ongoing improvements to Napton Sports Field
- Broader community sports and recreation initiatives
- Support Napton Parish Council in well-being and sports initiatives

5. Proposed Timetable

Phase	Description	Timeline
1 Feasibility & Planning	Market research, Business Plan, stakeholder engagement	June/July 25
2 Site Selection & Survey	Finalise site, Project technical specification	July 25
3 Planning Permission	Appoint Consultants, Submit application	July/Aug 25
4 Design & Procurement	Detailed design, contractor selection, material sourcing	Aug/Sep 25
5 Construction	Enabling works, court build	Jan/Feb 26
6 Fit-Out & Testing	Court surfacing, lighting, fencing, safety inspection	March 26
7 Launch & Promotion	Grand opening, local marketing, membership programmes	April 26

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Are there any concerns that you have regarding this project?

Would it use the existing courts or require new ones ?

Where would the court be located? The exercise equipment is a lovely free gym and so convenient - please don't replace it

To make good use of a court accept people from villages & Southam

That it becomes very popular very quickly and becomes difficult to book a court.

Recent press.coverage re the noise from padel courts, what research will be done to check the possible impact on properties nearby

Presumably this would reduce car parking space?

Potential impact on other activities?Would there be any detrimental impact for people living nearby?

Not at all I think it's a brilliant idea

None. Let those who will enjoy it, have it.

None This is a new sport which is becoming extremely popular and a court would I am sure be extremely well used by young and old

Noise pollution

Noise - will neighbours be disturbed?

Noise - have heard there is a fair bit. Noise travels from the sports ground

Noise

No. It would be a fantastic addition to the village sports facilities.

No, I think it would be a brilliant asset to the village

No, extremely excited by the prospect and would be happy to help.

No great idea and money generator for the village

No concerns, I think it would be a great Idea. 👍 👍

No concerns, great idea

No brainer!

I'll play if there is a defibrillator

How quick can it get up and running? Great idea for the community

Give beneficial access and rates to villagers

Funding. Disruption to other sports during building process.

Funding for lighting and ongoing maintenance/repairs

Cost of using it and cost of building

Construction time and noise as live within sight of the sports field. Parking access for increased numbers of external visitors - how to keep car park secure.

Booking courts/access. Current courts you have to liaise online with someone for access etc. Makes it over complicated and puts us off, as hard to go as and when or encourage regular attendance. If booking needed then online booking system would be useful so you can do it on the day with ease.

Availability for people from the village as opposed to people from outside the village joining a club and taking over.

A brilliant addition which will attract new people to the village

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions that you would like to mention?

Would there be any coaching?

Would be good players can use showers in the clubhouse and have a coffee or a beer afterwards.

Will there be an intention to have a ladder or times organised for people to join to get into the community of Padel?

Walking tennis?

The more sports facilities the better

Squash courts

See above and speak to the Lawn Tennis Association who will give you an idea of where this sport is going

Residents always getting to the front of the queue.

Pickleball courts too

Offer taster sessions for people who haven't played before. I would be happy to run some.

No, panel would be a fantastic addition

No just that I think this would be fantastic in the village, my family currently uses the court in Leamington so would definitely use the facilities regularly in Napton if they were available.

Multiple courts an option?

JW submitted a letter for the addition of basketball nets if possible

It's a nice idea for young folk but would they use it? Not having a bar/cafe, the sports field is in a less than ideal location socially

It needs to be advertised regularly and booking well organised. I'm not interested but maybe someone I know would be.

Involve disability groups right from the start.

If built, access to all who want to play, not just club members.

Ideally it would be covered for year round use and to protect the court.

I'd rather you built some squash courts first

I'm not fit enough - too old. Brilliant idea for younger people

I'd buy merchandise

Great idea and I expect a court would be a great outlet for the young generation

Fully in favour. Just enough room (13 mtrs) on the grass between the tennis courts and the car park. Why not also add a boules/petanque pitch on the grass area below the multisports pitch (15x4 mtrs)

Board with game rules

A pay bar in the pavilion for afterwards :)

- Would it be better to try and get more use out of the tennis courts?

- I'm hoping that more younger people could get into sport with Padel courts which would be wonderful