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Application number: 2023/0866

Application address: St Georges Hill Lawn Tennis Club, Warreners Lane, Weybridge, KT13 0LL

Name: Mrs de Lapuente

Address: Kingswood East Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 0LD

Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 19 Apr 2023

Comment: We object to the above planning application on the basis of excess noise and light pollution which will be created by a total of THREE semi open padel courts in play most of the day and evening.

The area in which we live is particularly quiet and peaceful.

We have lived at the back of the Tennis Club for 20 years, with the grass courts abutting our boundary. The sound of tennis being played on the grass courts is a gentle sound and non intrusive.

On the contrary, the game of padel is a loud one and is therefore totally invasive.

The noises are sharp staccato thuds as the ball bounces rapidly off the players wooden racquets and the side walls. As the courts are smaller the return of ball is much faster, creating a constant barrage of noise.

The player participation is also much louder than those who play tennis; whoops, cheers, shouts and grunts seem to be part of the game.

It is played year round, from morning until late in the evening.

This means that there will not only be constant noise but there will also be lighting, particularly in the evening. The area of the Tennis Club at the back of our garden has absolutely no lighting at all. We believe this will be invasive.

We absolutely oppose this application in its current form.

However, if the padel courts were to be fully enclosed we would be prepared to reconsider.