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

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Comment type: You support the planning application

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Comment: As a racquets club, the proposed development is not only consistent with the evolution of St George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club but essential to it. Padel is the fastest growing racquet sport and attracts players from other disciplines, including a younger cohort of players which will be key to the club's long term viability and success. The padel facility will utilise ground year-round which, at best, is currently used for a maximum of 3-4 months each year. The site, structure and design of the padel courts ensures that noise will be fully contained and - at worst - diversified away by play on surrounding tennis courts. Additionally, the location of the new padel facility is discreet and not overlooking of, nor overlooked by, any neighbouring properties. The club is essential and additive to the utility and aesthetic attributes of the St George's Hill Estate. It pre-dates most of the existing properties on the Estate and must be allowed to develop in a way that is alive and sensitive to its neighbours, and the Estate more generally, which this proposal does completely.