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

**Name:** Mr Wright

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**Comment type:** You object to the planning application

**Date of comment:** 22 Jun 2023

**Comment:** You will be aware that the tennis club decided to rally support for their desired projects by messaging their entire membership requesting that they submit their approval. The vast majority do not live within earshot of the club.

We strongly object on the basis of:

1. Invasive noise disturbance
2. Increase in light pollution
3. Further loss of vegetation. Grass being converted to a hard surface

We have played the game, and love it but it's not appropriate for a residential location.

We are particularly concerned about the noise of Padel:

- a) It is totally different from the soft sound of a tennis ball, which does not carry far. Padel generates hard cracking sounds that travel.
- b) it is faster than tennis, so many more shots are played in any given time, generating even more noise;
- c) 3 courts with potentially 12 players (doubles on each court) will make a continuous, loud, unpleasant racket.
- d) players get very excited in matches so there will be significant shouting as well
- e) the proposed opening times will result in excessive noise from early morning until well into the evening.

We understand the previous proposal sited the Padel courts in the middle of the tennis area but was rejected by tennis players as they did not like the disturbance from the loud sound of the Padel shots.

It is now proposed to site Padel on the end grass tennis courts alongside a new gym building where noise and additional lighting will inevitably disturb everyone living nearby or passing by.