

Application Number:	PL/2026/00120
Location:	Golf Driving Range, Salisbury Golf Centre, Wilton Road, Salisbury
Proposal:	The provision of four padel tennis courts, pedestrian access, 17 car parking spaces and areas of Biodiversity Net Gain.

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I refer to the above application received on 29th January 2026 for the provision of padel tennis courts.

Proposal

The proposed development seeks the provision of four outdoor padel tennis courts together with 17 additional car parking spaces and pedestrian access within the Salisbury Golf Centre site.

It is understood that the proposed facility would utilise the existing changing facilities within the Golf Centre clubhouse.

The application form advises that the hours of opening would be Monday - Saturday 0700-2200 and 0700-2100 on Sunday. It also advises that the facility would employ only one full time member of staff.

Sustainability

The site is located off the south-western side of the A36, Wilton Road, adjacent to residential areas and is accessible by sustainable modes of travel.

Access and parking

The existing means of access from the A36, Wilton Road, which currently serves the Golf Centre, Cricket Club and Hockey Club would provide the access to the padel tennis courts, where 17 new car parking spaces are shown on the Proposed Site Plan to be provided adjoining the existing car parking areas.

The access onto the A36 Wilton Road is of appropriate geometry to enable two vehicles to pass at the access, ensuring that vehicles would not need to wait to access the site if a vehicle was exiting.

The visibility from the access is considered acceptable having regard to the speed limit and speed of vehicles on this section of road. It is noted that the speed limit to the southeast of the site access is 30mph and to the northwest is 50mph.

The form of access is therefore considered appropriate to cater for the additional use of the site.

With regard to car parking, it is indicated that an additional 17 spaces are proposed to be provided to support the new facility, however, the car parking within the overall site is unmarked, and the areas suggested for additional parking already appear available on site.

It should be clarified if the applicant is suggesting the formalisation of the car parking to maximise the car parking numbers, or otherwise to qualify their proposals suggesting additional parking provision.

Traffic generation

The Planning Statement states that *“Given the nature of padel tennis, which typically generates short visits and staggered usage, the level of traffic generated will be modest and comfortably accommodated within the existing transport network in accordance with Wiltshire Core Strategy Policy CP61.”*

There is, however, no supporting transport statement with the application to advise on the number of bookings that can be taken within each day or the maximum number of participants at any one time, in order to provide an indication of the traffic generation, and parking demand, associated with the proposed facility. Furthermore, there is no detail of the means of booking and whether there would be an overlap of arrivals and departures.

It is also noted that the facility is only proposing one member of staff, and further clarity on the operation of the facility managed by only one member of staff is needed.

Summary and Recommendations

Having regard to the above, whilst the principle of the proposed padel tennis facility is considered acceptable within the site, further clarification of the operation and management of the facility, together with the existing and proposed parking levels within the site and any changes proposed to formalise the car parking, is required to enable a formal highway recommendation to be made.

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