

Trowbridge Town Council

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Wiltshire Council

Re: Outline Planning Application – Trowbridge Town Park

Proposal: Outline Planning Application for the erection of two covered padel courts and the redevelopment of the existing children's play area.

Dear Planning Officer,

The facilities within Trowbridge Town Park are reaching the end of their operational life and require investment and modernisation. The project aims to deliver a new playpark in the location of the existing play park without altering the boundaries. The existing eighteen hole adventure golf will be reconfigured to an updated nine-hole adventure golf and two covered padel courts. In addition, the project will improve the park kiosk facilities. A two-month public consultation was undertaken, during which 631 responses were received. The consultation demonstrated strong public support for investment in the park and the proposed improvements. The project seeks to improve the quality, accessibility and long-term sustainability of the recreational facilities within the park.

This application is for the erection of two covered padel courts and redevelopment of the playpark. The proposal comprises the redevelopment of the existing children's play area in its current location. The proposed play area will remain within its existing footprint, with no increase in its overall size. The proposed play equipment will have a maximum height of 9 meters. The two covered padel courts will be located within the area currently being used as an adventure golf. The canopy structure will have a maximum height of 10 meters, and the courts will be designed and operated in accordance with the recommendations contained within the submitted Noise Impact Assessment.

In response to concerns regarding potential noise impacts associated with padel, a Noise Impact Assessment has been undertaken. Given the specialist nature of the assessment, the methodology and conclusions have also been independently reviewed by two further acoustic consultants, supporting the conclusions of the assessment and the proposed mitigation measures.

The proposed development represents a significant investment in Trowbridge Town Park, providing modern recreational facilities that will increase opportunities for physical activity and encourage wider use of the park throughout the year. The proposal has been designed to complement the existing recreational use of the site whilst making more efficient use of the existing adventure golf area and retaining the park's role as a key community asset.

Outline planning permission is sought because the Town Council has not yet commenced the procurement process and therefore the final design and specification of the play equipment, padel court structures and associated facilities have not been finalised. The principle of the development, together with the maximum structure heights, is presented at this stage.

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