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2025/1301/P	Gregory Hollins	90d Agar Grove	01/04/2025 18:56:36	PETITNO BJE	<p>Losing this much-loved play area would be a huge loss for younger children. Camden's kids need spaces to play, explore, and have fun beyond screens at home. Instead of reducing these inclusive areas, Camden Council should be working to expand them.</p> <p>We already have a shortage of green parks and free play spaces, and further cuts at Cantelowes would negatively impact local children. This space is more than just a playground—it's a hub for families to gather, whether for birthdays, holiday celebrations, or everyday play.</p> <p>Many children in Camden cannot afford to pay for court access or the necessary equipment like rackets and balls. Free play areas are more inclusive, allowing everyone to participate, not just those who can afford it. Meanwhile, those who want to use paid facilities already have options, including a large tennis center just a few hundred meters away.</p>

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2025/1301/P	Michael Salmon-Dabar	22D Batholomew Road NW5 2AJ	01/04/2025 10:10:39	OBJ	<p>I object to this court for a number of reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Padel tennis is a fad sport so there's no guarantee that once its initial popularity wains we'll be left with a useless ugly court that goes unused. Padel isn't an olympic sport and has no long term track record so it is a massive risk to add to a small park that it will affect in so many other ways. 2. The design statement says that this court will not affect the appearance of the park (5.6 design access statement). This is a lie. I have never looked at any sport court facility and thought that's lovely I'm glad there's not some tree's or a nice landscaped boulder in a sand pit. They do what they do but in a small park adding high meshed walls in an inorganic form is objectively worsening the appearance of the park. So planting 3 trees and making a little meadow by the main road where no one really wants to hang out is NOT compensation for this. 3. The sandpit that is making way for this FAD council money maker is an incredible flexible and beautiful thing. Teenagers hang out on the rocks, kids play in the sand it is a joy to walk past and is one of the niscest features of the park. 4. You consultancy response is so marginally in favour (0.5%) of the court (probably due to new Padel tennis enthusiasts pushing back in favour from the general locals clear negative response to the CNJ article about the proposal and not a good reflection of the public mood) you will be upsetting I believe the majority of local residents if you push this through. 5. I agree that money would be better spent making the skate park more accessible and floodlit as this is a great asset and an olympic sport that won't be losing popularity anytime soon the the next fad arrives. 6. You also claim that criminal activity will be reduced by natural surveillance (section 4.1) but creating more cover for criminal activity with such a high sided court with a narrow space between it and the pavilion creates more cover for criminal activity which would offset the benefits. <p>In conclusion I believe this is an unpopular intervention outside of this very niche new sport enthusiasts and that it makes the park uglier and less safe and removes one of the best features of the park in the process.</p> <p>So please don't approve this application for the good of the local community.</p>
2025/1301/P	Andy Kocen	Dunollie Road	01/04/2025 21:05:35	COMMNT	<p>I think it's disingenuous to somehow invalidate objections from local people on the basis that they were made after a newspaper article, as though this somehow makes them less valid. The article increased engagement and gave a larger sample size - those comments should not be ignored.</p>

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2025/1301/P	Ella Paolozzi-Jones	29b Caversham road London Nw52dr	01/04/2025 23:59:50	COMMNT	This would be a great loss to the community as it's a free space which is used by hundreds of families. To make this a money making space is just so wrong especially for a fad like padel.
2025/1301/P	Veera	90D AGAR GROVE	01/04/2025 18:44:17	OBJ	We would lose a much loved play area for younger children. Camden children need spaces to play explore and have fun experiences beyond the screens at home. Camden Council should be actively looking to increase these inclusive area rather than reduce these spaces. We already lack green parks and free play areas so reducing it even more at Cantalowes has a negative impact on The children in the area. The area supports also families for their local gatherings whether it's birthdays or celebrations around key holidays and losing this element of the park will have a negative impact of the area. Many children in Camden will not be able to afford a pay to play court or the rackets and balls that are required to do this activity. Free play area is more versatile and allows participation for everybody and not just for the few. Those who have the funds to pay for court activity can already do so in the near by facilities, including the large tennis centre just a few hundred meters away.
2025/1301/P	Tamsin howard	8 Dunollie place Nw5 2xr	01/04/2025 21:17:20	OBJ	We visit cantelowes on average twice a week, after school and on the weekend. All my children enjoy the sandpit and climbing the large rock at the end of the sandpit. One of my children is a wheelchair user and he has limited mobility in his legs and can't walk far. The sandpit is one of the few things he can access and play with his friends in. It is a lifeline for us and enables us to get outside and have something for him to do that is free and my other two kids can run around at the same time and get exercise. It would be very hard to occupy him whilst we are in the park without it, making it virtually impossible for us to continue going there. There are no other parks nearby with sandpits and we would be forced to spend more time inside which is not good for any of us. Please don't replace the sandpit with padel courts. There are such limited outdoor activities for disabled children already. It could be such a loss to us.
2025/1301/P	Clare Edwards	59 Lawford Road 59 Lawford Road 59 Lawford Road	01/04/2025 23:33:29	OBJ	I would strongly urge the Council the reconsider the proposal to build a Padel court in Cantelowes. This is a much loved and used community space for local families, in particular the sand pit area and associated seating. Replacing this with an expensive paid-for facility is not in the interests of the local community. What the community needs is (I) toilet facilities appropriate for the users of the area (ii) improved seating (the current benches are falling apart). The talacre would seem to be a more natural fit for a Padel court. I urge the Council to listen to the 49.5% of the community who have already made this case.

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2025/1301/P	Sebastian Uhlig	54 Long Meadow Torriano Avenue NW5 2SU NW5 2SU	01/04/2025 12:02:25	OBJ	<p>I oppose this planning application.</p> <p>The removal of the children's sand play area is a great loss of a free facility for local children. The padel court will be located right next to the children's play area. Padel is a loud game that will be off-putting being located right next to the playground. A much better option would be to build a padel court near, next to, or on existing tennis courts in the borough.</p> <p>The padel courts at Rocks lane tennis centre in Putney had to be removed after residents complained about the loud noise.</p>
