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2025/1301/P	Edward Burgess	49 Patshull Road london	02/04/2025 12:29:01	SUPPRT	I fully support this. Padel is a fast growing sport and many local residents are priced out of private offerings. The area being suggested is under utilised and the sandpit is dangerous to kids as it is heavily used by the homeless.
2025/1301/P	Emma Hogan	Flat C 24 Lawford Road NW5 2LN NW5 2LN	02/04/2025 11:55:07	OBJ	I do not support the construction of this padel court - it will curtail a childrens' play area, remove important nature (a tree) from the park and also be disruptive to the local area. As a resident of Lawford Road I should've been surveyed on this - I did not receive a questionnaire, and think that the process should be started again.
2025/1301/P	Christopher Cobham	49 Patshull Road London NW5 2JX	02/04/2025 10:04:00	SUPPRT	I welcome and support the addition of a Padel Court as proposed. Sports facilities are important to create a healthy, inclusive community. Padel is a very social sport and clearly in high demand. I think its positive that Camden have the good foresight to adapt to emerging trends and provide public sports facilities where needed.
2025/1301/P	Olena	215 Brecknock Rd	02/04/2025 11:10:08	OBJ	I strongly oppose the plan to construct a padel court in the heart of one of our community's most cherished areas. This space is beloved by residents of all ages, from newborns to centenarians, and its destruction would have a serious impact on the character of Cantelowes. This area – from the children's playground to the iconic rock in the sandpit—regularly hosts families and friends who gather for picnics, birthday celebrations, and moments of relaxation after work. It is also a lively and dynamic space where children play, explore, and form lasting friendships. It is a unique and irreplaceable part of Camden, and we should do everything we can to preserve it.
2025/1301/P	Harvey Flinder	11 Bartholomew Villas London NW5 2LJ	02/04/2025 16:33:39	AMEND	I do not see any evidence that Camden Council is interested in Tennis or Paddle Board but, as ever, they are interested in raising revenue. As you can't charge for the use of a sandpit and you can for a Paddle Board court then the sacrifice is easily rationalised. But it would still be wrong. The sand pit cannot be negotiable. May I suggest that a better location for this 'experiment' would be the NW corner of the gardens, abutting the railway cutting. The footpath could be re-routed around the court thus affording it a useful margin and the court would be easily accessible from either footpath entrance on the West side. This location would also keep a good distance from surrounding dwellings that might be affected by noise. I urge you to reconsider the position of the court or alternatively find another location altogether.

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2025/1301/P	James Burton	48 Lady Margaret Road	02/04/2025 09:24:02	OBJ	<p>I object to this proposal. Sadly, padel is an inherently anti social sport when imposed on presently open accessible free flow spaces surrounded by residential properties - which is the case for Cantelowes Gardens. This is for two principal reasons:</p> <p>(1) It imposes a closed caged space where presently there is free flowing open to all space;</p> <p>(2) The noise it generates has been repeatedly compared to the sound of a rifle shot each time the bat connects with the ball with any force (ie constantly during a game). It is thus a wholly different proposition to tennis, badminton, table tennis or any other racquet sport commonly played in England (a possible comparison in terms of the noise generated might be pelota of the Basque country or southern France, a very different beast in which the whole community comes together to watch).</p> <p>All this is before we come to the question of whether the facility would be pay to play, which whilst acceptable for team games like the football that takes place inside the 3G pitch cage, is a different proposition for limited player games.</p> <p>Or whether it is truly the case that an equivalent alternative to the sandpit and picnic area that would be built on could be achieved without comprising the Gardens in some other way.</p> <p>Sadly padel is a paradigm case of a 'selfish' sport in various ways, as outlined above, and I object to this application. I also suggest Camden look very hard indeed at any padel proposals in open public spaces.</p>
2025/1301/P	Sean Danischevsky	37a Leighton Grove Camden NW5 2QP NW5 2QP	02/04/2025 17:01:06	OBJ	<p>This is a terrible idea. Nobody wants a paddle court and they certainly don't want to pay to use facilities. My children aged eight and 10 have used this area for the sandpit since they were born and continue to do so. While they play (enhancing their fine motor skills and enjoying being children), I can watch them from the picnic area. It gets a lot of use.</p> <p>There are plenty of sports facilities at Cantelowes without needing to add a paid option here which will take away a very useful and loved amenity.</p>
2025/1301/P	Alice murray	57 Patshull Road	02/04/2025 09:54:56	COMMNT	<p>My two children (4 and 2) use this park many times a week and they love the sandpit. It would be such a shame to lose more children's activities as there is very little in the immediate vicinity for small children (apart from Rochester sq).</p> <p>There are plenty of adult exercise facilities in the area and of course the trip to Hampstead Heath/ Regent's Park is not prohibitive.</p>
2025/1301/P	Timothy Howard	8 Dunollie Place London NW52XR	02/04/2025 10:28:29	OBJ	<p>I am strongly opposed to this proposal. Cantelowes is a really important outdoor space for the community in Camden. The sandpit area and playground is much loved and heavily used by families and children. Also, it is free to use. Replacing the area with a court for a niche sport that is only going to be used by a small number of paying adults cannot be in the wider community's interest. Please build it somewhere else.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Tim</p>

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2025/1301/P	Freya Kocen	8 Dunollie Road	02/04/2025 10:10:28	OBJ	The sandpit is a popular and much needed space for children and young people. There is nothing else like it in the local area, and we need space for kids in the community to run around and play outside, not a for-profit padel court for adults.
2025/1301/P	James F	Caversham Road	02/04/2025 19:31:40	COMMNT	Hi, I strongly object to this project, as it's planned at the expense of the beloved sand pit. The survey results are slim, and not sufficient to justify the trade-off. The sand pit benefits many families, while the padel would only serve a handful of people. Please consider building the padel court in another area of the park, or in some of the less used areas of Camden Square (for example) so that an improvement in sport facilities does not come at the expense of young children and other beneficiaries of the sand pit.
2025/1301/P	Edward Grant	67 Patshull Road, NW5 2LE	02/04/2025 15:00:51	SUPPRT	I fully support this application.
2025/1301/P	David Prouy	43 Lawford Rd NW5 2LG NW5 2LG	02/04/2025 17:50:38	COMMNT	I am very much in favour of this application which will provide a valuable new facility for the community
2025/1301/P	Julia Shreeve	5 Crown Place London	02/04/2025 10:44:17	OBJ	I object to this planning proposal for the following reasons: 1. Loss of social and play space that is used by a lot of people. Note last weekend the proposed space for the court was packed with parents and children. Equivalent space used for a Padel court benefits max 4 people. 2. There are much more suitable spaces in Camden that have appropriate changing and toilet facilities - e.g. Talacre. Cantelowes garden is not a go to location for racquet sports. 3. Funds should be used to improve play space provision for children. Play area equipment is decrepit and underinvested. 4. Destruction of green space including several trees leading to unnecessary environmental impact
2025/1301/P	David Prouy	43 Lawford Rd NW5 2LG NW5 2LG	02/04/2025 17:50:49	COMMNT	I am very much in favour of this application which will provide a valuable new facility for the community
2025/1301/P	Jonathan	29b Caversham Road	02/04/2025 09:56:34	COMMNT	My daughter and my son use this area on so many occasions. It is an important part of the community and on a sunny day is a lovely are for children to play. Toturn it into a court that will only be used by a select few people will rip the soul out of that park and will deprive the local community of a FREE open space to take young children. The idea is just ridiculous!

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2025/1301/P	Max	215 Junction Road	02/04/2025 13:35:31	OBJ	I am against the plan to build a padel court on the site of the sandpit. This area is a well-loved community space where children play and people enjoy nature. The proposed construction would destroy mature trees, remove picnic areas, and replace a free public space with a pay-to-play facility. There is also no clear commitment to replacing the sandpit, meaning it could be lost forever. A different location should be considered, rather than taking away one of the most valued parts of Cantelowes.

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