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2025/1301/P	Louise Brock	107b Bartholomew Road NW5 2AR London	06/04/2025 12:46:36	OBJ	This takes away valuable free open space that is heavily used by the community. A pay to play Padel court would also not be accessible to all. It is vital to keep green spaces both for community and the environment!
2025/1301/P	Chris Baker	59 Lawford Rd	05/04/2025 09:18:35	OBJ	<p>I find it astonishing that Camden Council report an overall majority in favour of this proposal. Living close to the park I have yet to come across a single member of the local community in favour of the building of a padel court in Cantelows Gardens. This feels much like previous council propositions that are pushed ahead against the wishes of residents under somewhat spurious grounds.</p> <p>The sandpit and seating are extensively used and their loss will be felt. Furthermore, the court will be sited immediately adjacent to the children's play area. Previous issues with padel courts covered in the national press outline the noise associated with them. The subtext of 'noise' being the shouting and swearing of the adult players.</p> <p>I am strongly against this development.</p>

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2025/1301/P	Robert Carruthers	89 Patshull Road  NW5 2LE	06/04/2025 17:13:39	OBJ	<p>I am local resident and frequent user of the park and would like to object to this proposal.</p> <p>The park represents valuable public space and there are many ways to improve it that would benefit local people rather than building a padel court.</p> <p>Padel is a minority sport and takes up a disproportionate amount of space compared to the small number of high-income people who might benefit from it.</p> <p>The park is free to the public and it should not be replaced by an expensive, pay-to-play facility that excludes the vast majority of local residents. The construction is also bad for the environment and destroys valuable green space and existing sandpit area.</p> <p>I fully support the arguments against the court, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Losing a play area for younger children. The council should be looking after the health and wellbeing of children and families in the area, rather than actively working against it.</li> <li>-Less green space. I have read that an alternative sandpit might be provided, but this would mean destroying still more of the park and green space, not to mention spending even more time and construction to replace something that already exists. This therefore does not make sense and is not a solution.</li> <li>- Not everyone can afford pay-to-play. The reality is that the padel court will be used mostly by high-income 20-40 year olds and children and low-income families will suffer.</li> <li>- Not inclusive or community-focused. It's important also to note that padel, like tennis, is more or less a sport for individuals and is definitely not an inclusive sport. The existing sports facilities in the park, the AstroTurf, basketball, and the skatepark, actively promote community and social cohesion, whereas padel is a minority sport for individuals and their friends, which does not contribute to the community in the same way.</li> <li>- Idle time: The court will also be sitting idle a large amount of the time during weekdays, further increasing the waste of space.</li> </ul> <p>The city needs more green space, not less, and more freely available facilities rather than paid commercial ones run for a profit. The park is meant to be public space, and therefore should exist to benefit the majority of families and park users in the area, not the needs of relatively few high-income individuals who have the time and money to pay.</p> <p>This proposal will reduce the health and wellbeing of children and families in the area, and introduce an unnecessary construction project with environmental costs.</p>
2025/1301/P	Mareike Berg	107b Bartholomew Road	06/04/2025 14:11:36	OBJ	<p>This is a well used space for the community accessible for all and should not be replaced with a pay to play area. Also, floodlights are horrible for flora and fauna.</p>

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2025/1301/P	Sam Palmer	15 Patshull Road NW5 2JX London	05/04/2025 17:57:41	OBJ	<p>I am deeply concerned by the idea of replacing a free play area with a pay-to-play padel court, and object to it in the strongest terms.</p> <p>Free spaces such as play areas are essential to allow all children in the local community, regardless of their parents' income, a chance to play, develop, socialise, and so on. I don't have an objection to the paddle court itself - I object to the fact that it would not be free to use. Parks, and everything that comes with them, must be for everyone. They're not supposed to cost anything, they're not supposed to favour people with higher incomes, and to charge for any service within a park is an abomination of their entire purpose.</p> <p>That said, I am perfectly willing to hear the counter-arguments to this. If there is a reasonable justification for this proposal that outweighs the issues I have outlined above - such as Camden Council's finances - I will reluctantly drop my objection. I am aware that local government budgets are currently under a lot of pressure and the situation may be complicated. However, for me to drop my objection, I will need to see convincing evidence that replacing a free service with a paid service in a time of increasing social inequality is really necessary.</p>

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