

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2025/1301/P	Kim Ashard	81A Caversham Road Basement flat NW5 2DP NW5 2DP	18/04/2025 18:24:56	OBJ	<p>Please do not go ahead with this proposal, it is not what we the local community wants or needs. The sandpit is loved by local children and families and the picnic area is still much used even though you've left it broken and burned for moths now.</p> <p>There must be better areas/parks for this proposed court to go, but this is not the right site for it.</p>
2025/1301/P	Hakim	Local	20/04/2025 14:00:31	OBJ	<p>I object to this plan — and not just because I like trees, sand, and sitting down (though I do).</p> <p>The sandpit and benches are a rare slice of joy for local families — a free, fun space in a city where those things are disappearing fast. Replacing it with a pay-to-play padel court feels like swapping a warm hug for a velvet rope.</p> <p>Let's be honest — padel is the sport equivalent of a fad diet: trendy, exclusive, and popping up everywhere else already. We don't need to bulldoze a beloved community spot just to give a few people somewhere to play boutique tennis.</p> <p>Please leave the sand where it is, the trees where they stand, and the benches right where we can park ourselves after chasing toddlers.</p>
2025/1301/P	Alyson Hall Yandoli	10 North Villas London NW1 9BJ	19/04/2025 15:48:51	INT	<p>I strongly object to the proposal as I understand it would involve the removal of the sandpit, grassy hills and jumping rocks. These were an important play resource for our own children and now for our four grandchildren.</p> <p>We have lived nearby since 1984 and Cantelowes is our closest play facility for young children giving hours of pleasure at no cost and in all weathers. It has been wonderful for toddlers right through to late primary age.</p> <p>There are plenty of sports facilities locally, especially at Islington Tennis Centre, KT pool, Talacre and Sobell centres which we also use but they are no comparison to the spontaneous access to Cantelowes on foot. They could also accommodate Padel or a larger park could.</p> <p>Please don't make this change.</p>

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2025/1301/P	Alice Shirley	117A Gaisford Street London NW5 2EG	21/04/2025 21:29:21	OBJ	<p>Dear All,</p> <p>Please imagine if you will the rattling staccato sound like gunfire as you try to relax in any outdoor space near Cantelowes on a warm summer evening. Like being in a war zone. I object to this project. Imagine living next to it. The constant sound. Floodlights ensure this can carry on into the evening just as you are trying to put the kids to bed. It is so loud!</p> <p>And those kids have just lost the only sensory play area in the nearby vicinity. I object to this project. The loss of the sandpit, an area currently free to access, a wonderful dynamic play area for children of all ages. The park free play area is then shrunk for a business seeking to make a profit. Public spaces for recreation are precious and should not be chipped away at for private businesses to thrive. It is not free to access the padel court. If this was a 'like for like' facility exchange in the park, the paddle court would be free. A sandpit and picnic area is free, requires very little maintenance, and benefits a high density of people per square metre, in comparison to the padel court. Just 4 people can use the same space at any given time. The picnic area and sandpit currently have no promise of being relocated, it is just something they will 'try' to do. Maybe. If it's in the budget afterwards. I suggest this project is relocated to a privately owned area such as Coal Drops, which would fit the aesthetic better, or an internal sports facility with sound proofing not so near so many residents. Once more, I object in the strongest terms to this planned project.</p>
2025/1301/P	Danya Glaser	33 Camden Square NW1 9XA	20/04/2025 16:24:19	COMMNT	<p>i am writing to strongly disagree with this proposed outdoor all weather floodlit padel court, associated access pathway and landscaping works. A free young children's facility will be sacrificed for the benefit of older young people and adults who will have to pay for the new court. The importance of outdoor play areas for the fulfilment of young children's needs is well recognised as vital. The location of the sandpit adjacent to the children's playground enables parents to supervise their children simultaneously. Benches near by, which will be removed, are well used by local young people and others as an outdoor social gathering area. The Proposed removal of trees is unacceptable and is in contravention of the local authority's declared mission to maintain the environment and mitigate global heating.</p>
2025/1301/P	Martha Baker	59 Lawford Road 59 Lawford Road 59 Lawford Road	18/04/2025 11:35:19	OBJ	<p>I am 11 and go to school at Kentish Town CoE Primary School. My friends and I disagree with what the council is trying to do. Me and friends have many memories of playing in the sandpit. For example one of my friends had their birthday party in the park a couple of weeks ago when my whole class came.</p> <p>I spoke at my school assembly and told the school about the Council's plans and asked whether people would like to sign a petition.</p> <p>I got 109 signatures asking to keep the sandpit as it is. I will send a copy of the petition to you.</p>

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2025/1301/P	Annabel Rowe	2 Camden Mews NW1 9DB	20/04/2025 21:15:16	COMMNT	<p>My objections to the plan are:</p> <p>The loss of a delightful sandpit landscaped with rocks which is well used by very young children.</p> <p>Its replacement with yet another facility for teenagers who are already well catered for.</p> <p>The addition of another soulless wire fence around another hard surfaced area in a park that already has a minimum of natural greenery.</p> <p>The noise resulting from the contact between bat and ball in the padel court.</p> <p>The cost of using the facility which will be well beyond the reach of many people.</p>
2025/1301/P	Caroline Hill	13 Leverton Street NW5 2PH NW5 2PH	21/04/2025 14:09:17	COMMNT	<p>I am very disappointed that our Labour Council should propose reducing the use of the Cantelowes Play Area, and what's more, charging a hefty fee for a few wealthy people to use part of the area as a PADEL COURT! What is the Council thinking of? Yes, it will make the Council money, but at what cost to the health and well-being of local people? I think the Council has forgotten what it is here for. Camden, please don't do this.</p>
2025/1301/P	Adam Peddle	43c St Augustine's Road NW1 9RL	18/04/2025 21:14:02	OBJ	<p>Please don't do this. This area gets a tremendous amount of use, especially by families and small children. It is a much-loved green space and one of the rapidly diminishing number of activities in this part of London which are free and child-friendly. Moving ahead with this application would disadvantage and exclude a significant portion of the population who lack the physical mobility or financial means to pay to play padel, whereas the existing space is accessible to all.</p>
2025/1301/P	Jade Rukmin	5a Mornington Crescent London	17/04/2025 20:47:41	OBJ	<p>I do not want Cantelowes gardens changed for Padel courts as it's a park that my young children 10 and 5 use quite regularly and really enjoy. I feel the introduction of padel courts is more catered towards an adult crowd and will not have as much of an impacted on younger children who require more outside spaces for them to play and grow as young individuals in the world. It's one of the spaces in the borough that I have felt comfortable taking the family out for picnics and having a range of spaces to cater for all in consideration to the age differences. I really hope this is seriously looked into as I feel taking away spaces like this can have a detrimental impact on younger people and adults that use the space</p>