



Future investment report 2021

Court 3 reconstruction

The reconstruction of court 3 is now due to take place during November and December 2021. It will comprise:

- Removing and disposing of the old synthetic playing carpet.
- Breaking out and replacing the net posts and net strap retainer.
- Cleaning the existing tarmac surface, before drilling and filling drainage holes.
- Covering with a geo-textile membrane to prevent upward movement of clay.
- Laying a 150mm bed of aggregate.
- Laying a 40mm binder coarse topped with a 25mm surface coarse of asphalt.
- Installing new concrete edging to the raised court surface.
- Removing and replacing the fencing to three sides of the court.
- Fitting a Tiger Turf synthetic playing carpet (as is currently on courts 4 and 5).
- Infilling the playing carpet with circa 7 tonnes of sand.

The gate to court 6 will be replaced at the same time.

The total cost of works is circa £62k.

Courts 4 & 5 replacement floodlighting

The floodlighting on courts 4 and 5 was installed in 1989. It had an expected lifespan of 20 to 25 years. Some of the components are now 32 years old. It is therefore prudent to replace them at the earliest opportunity.

The current lamps are metal halide. The replacement lighting will be LED and will necessitate replacing the columns and control mechanisms. The power usage will be approximately half of the current lamps. They will also have the advantage of being instant power up and could be linked to a booking system for automated switching on and off.

The expected cost is in the order of £30-35k.

We currently plan to install in mid-2024, but will bring that forward if our finances allow.

Court 6 replacement playing carpet

The carpet on court 6 was last replaced in March 2012. Our current plan is to replace the carpet in 2026. Whilst it does not have as much tennis activity on it as courts 4 and 5, it suffers from its proximity to the trees. We expect the asphalt to remain in good condition, necessitating only minor repairs. We do not intend to replace the fencing at that time.

The expected cost is in the order of £20-25k.