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Castor and Ailsworth Tennis Project Update



Welcome to our regular update on the progress of the Tennis Project. This periodic summary of progress is issued to club members, the Parish Council, CASPRA and other interested parties. In addition, it can be accessed in the “News” section of the club website.

Where we are now

We have:

- Held a Community Engagement event on Wednesday 18 August at the Holme Close courts. Plans were displayed of the Holme Close and Woodlands sites for City Councillors, Parish Councillors, local residents and members to consider. Tennis Project members were available to discuss our intentions and to seek views.
- Amended the plans for the Holme Close site subsequent to the Community Engagement event in the light of the comments received.
- Completed the process of applying for Outline Planning Permission for two one and a half storey residences on the Holme Close site in order for an eventual sale to release the funds to relocate the club to new, purpose built, all-weather, whole year facilities at Nene Park Trust’s Woodlands, Castor site.
- Now begun, through this “Summary of Progress” document, to approach members, neighbours and local tennis organisations for letters of support with the planning permission for Holme Close site. Information on the Peterborough City Council Planning website states:

How do I comment on a planning application?

Before making comments you should:

- View the details of the application using our planning register.
- Familiarise yourself with the kinds of issues that the planning case officer can take into consideration.
- Be aware that any comments you make will be held on a public file and will be available to anyone, including the applicant.

To submit comments

To submit your comments on a planning application:

- Go to the planning register
<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-and-building/search-applications> and retrieve the relevant planning application record using the reference number “21/01624/OUT” or site address “Holme Close”.
- Click on the "Comments" tab.
- Complete the Make a Comment form and click Submit.

Please note that you must provide your postal address when making comments. Comments received without a postal address will not be taken into consideration.

- Begun the process of finalising the layout of the new courts alongside the Clubhouse, Football and Cricket facilities at the Woodlands site. We are close to agreeing the necessary formal lease having already signed off a Heads of Terms agreement with Nene Park Trust to secure land on a lease basis involving 50 years duration, ground rent, storage, an eventual shared clubhouse facility, etc.
- Continued to work with Lee West, Sports Facility Planning and Design Ltd, to design and project manage the construction of the new courts. He is an extremely experienced designer and constructor who is highly recommended by the Lawn Tennis Association. He is working on the premise of five all-weather tennis courts, three of which will be floodlit, two Padel Courts and 2 Pickle Ball courts. All the facilities will be available to members and non-members through an online booking system.
- Confirmed that Sport England is very encouraging and supportive of our plans.
- Continued to inform and consult officers of the Lawn Tennis Association and, particularly, Cambridgeshire LTA.
- Continued to communicate regularly with members and other interested parties through circulating the “Summary of Progress” documents which are also stored on the club website.

What’s coming up

The date of the next meeting of the Project Committee is Monday 2 November 2021.

Want to know more?

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