

## **Wickham Community Tennis Club (WCTC)**

### **Survey among Club members October 2023**

#### **Introduction**

Wickham & Knowle parish has been provided with the opportunity to instal sports facilities at a new site in Mill Lane, Wickham.

The potential for possible inclusion of racquet sports needed exploration as an update and adjunct to a survey conducted among members in 2021.

#### **Background**

A final community-wide survey of options for the Mill Lane site is planned to take place in the autumn of this year (note: now delayed in Q1 2024)

In the past 12 months a Forum of “stakeholders” has been debating possible facilities and these were presented to the Council in March 2023.

#### **Purpose of Survey**

To ensure that residents are provided with accurate and useful information in the final survey, the Council wishes to obtain quantifiable and up to date views of certain interest groups regarding some of the facilities that have been proposed in the Forum.

This questionnaire has been designed for completion only by members of WCTC.

#### **Survey details**

See appendix for questionnaire

#### **Methodology**

1. The questionnaire was discussed with and approved by the Chair of WCTC.
2. The survey was transferred into a Google form by John Ridge and made accessible to members via email from the Chair. Paper copies were available if requested (none were).
3. Responses were recorded and analysed by John Ridge
4. A set of main findings was discussed and agreed between the Chair of WCTC, John Ridge and Nic Holladay (Chair of W&KPC Recreation Committee)

#### **Response rate:**

A link to the survey form was sent by email to the 67 WCTC members who had given their permission to the Club to receive emails.

A total of 39 responses were received

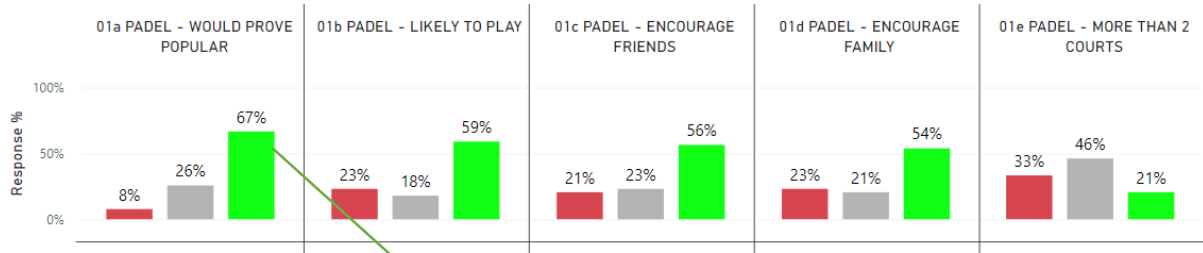
Response rate = 58% of those signed up to receive news emails from the Club. The club has 122 members across all ages and genders ,so responses were received from 32% of all members. Demographic profiles of respondents was also collected and further analysis by sub-group may be made and released in a later report update.

#### **Main findings**

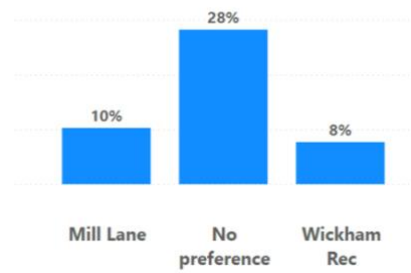
Below is a summary of main findings from the survey with :

- positive support indicated in GREEN %
- neutral in GREY %
- negative support in RED %

# PADEL

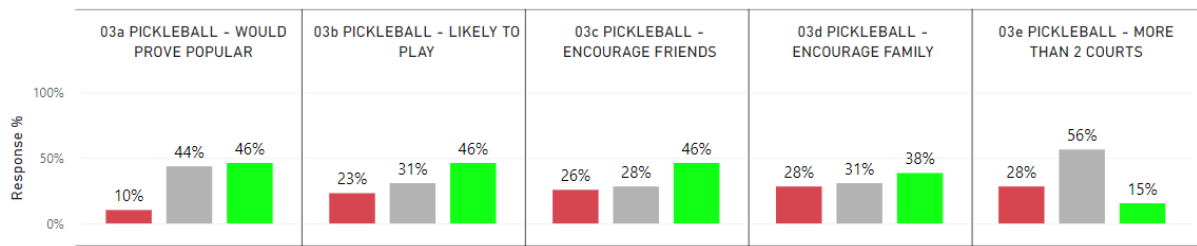


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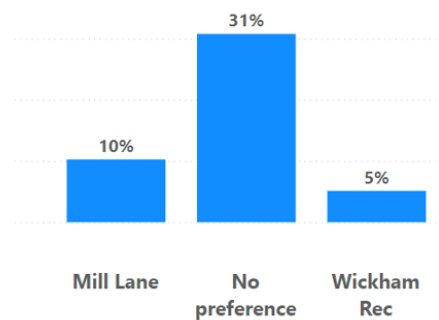


**in 2021 score was 24%**

# PICKLEBALL

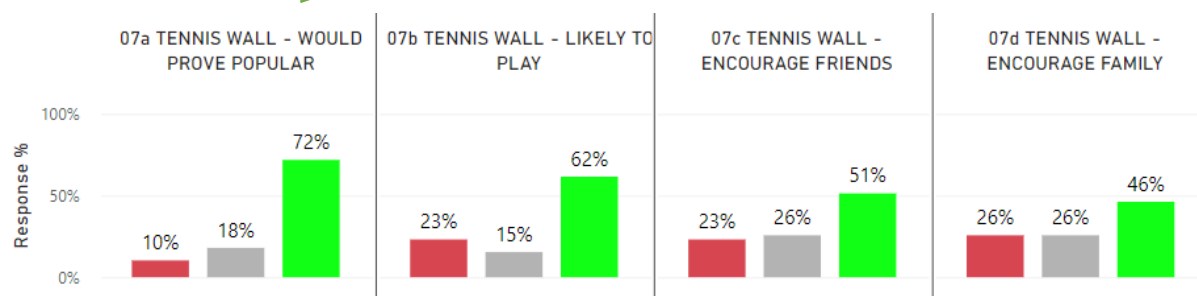


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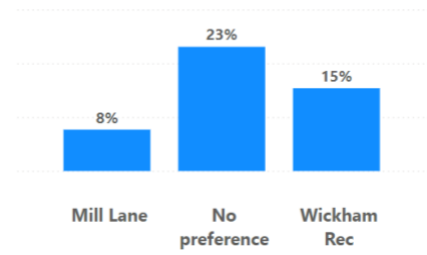


**in 2021 score was 57%**

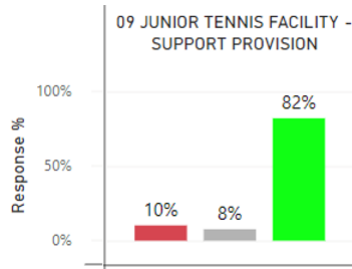
# TENNIS WALL



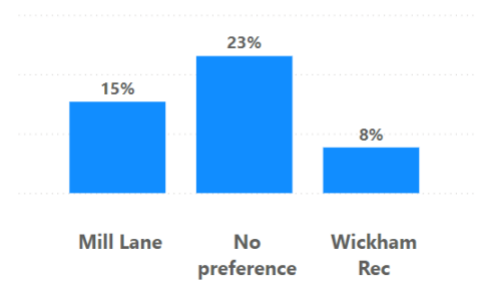
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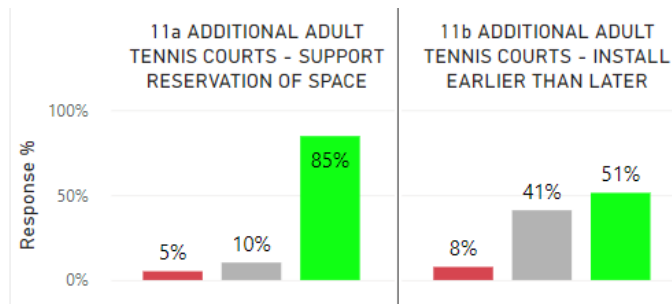
## JUNIOR TENNIS FACILITY



### 10 JUNIOR TENNIS FACILITY - LOCATION



## ADDITIONAL TENNIS COURTS



**Q: Would you support reservation of space for courts at Mill Lane?**

**R: 85% agree/strongly agree**

**Q: Would you support provision for junior tennis at Mill Lane?**

**R: 82% agree/strongly agree.**

Respondents were also asked:

at which site do you think junior tennis provision should be provided: 46% had no preference; 33% preferred Mill Lane and 21% the Rec

**Q: Do you think that provision of a tennis wall would be popular?**

**R: 72% agree/strongly agree (note: in 2021 score was 57%).**

Respondents were also asked:

at which site they would prefer to see a tennis wall installed: a small majority had no preference (41%) but 38% favoured the Rec and 21% Mill Lane

**Q: Do you think that provision of padel courts would be popular?**

**R: 67% agree/strongly agree (note: in 2021 score was 24%).**

Respondents were also asked:

at which site they would prefer to see padel courts installed: the majority (54%) had no preference; 26% preferred Mill Lane; 21% preferred the Rec;  
would they prefer more than two courts in the first instance – one was favoured in the first instance: only 21% agreed/strongly agreed

**Q: Would you like to see additional courts installed in an early phase of the development at Mill Lane rather than later?**

**R: 51% agree/strongly agree**

**Q: Do you think that provision for pickleball would be popular?**

**R: 46% agree/strongly agree**

**Preliminary conclusions (subject to financial feasibility study)**

- 1. Space should be reserved at Mill Lane for future tennis provision**
- 2. Padel should be incorporated in to the facilities plan if financially viable. This could be at The Rec or Mill Lane**
- 3. A tennis wall should be provided if costs allow (and if at the Rec agreed by Rookesbury Estate)**
- 4. Junior tennis provision at Mill Lane should be supported (possibly in multi-sports “court”)**

Sue North/John Ridge/Nic Holladay

November 2023

## **Appendix: Questionnaire for Wickham Community Tennis Club (WCTC)**

### **Racquet Sports for 2024 and beyond**

Dear WCTC Member,

The Wickham and Knowle Parish Council (W&KPC) wishes to gather more and updated information regarding the development of facilities at the proposed Mill Lane Sports and Recreation site. We are hoping that you will be prepared to answer the questions below in what we hope will take you little more than a few minutes.

#### **Background**

Members will be aware of, and contributed to, surveys regarding options that are being considered. A final community-wide survey is planned to take place in the autumn of this year.

In the past 12 months a Forum of “stakeholders” has been debating possible facilities and these have been presented to the Council.

#### **Purpose of questionnaire**

To ensure that residents can be provided in the final survey with accurate and useful information, the Council wishes to obtain quantifiable and up to date views of certain interest groups regarding some of the facilities that have been proposed in the Forum.

This questionnaire has been designed for completion only by members of WCTC and is intended to update and expand upon the questionnaire completed by members in 2021.

#### **Context of Options**

A number of options have been suggested for Mill Lane.

When answering the following questions please bear in mind that:

- a) there are no plans in the short term to move the existing two courts at the Rec to Mill Lane
- b) it is proposed that, in addition to the possible elements outlined below, parking, pavilion and changing facilities will be included for users of the site
- c) it is expected that the facilities outlined below, if supported, will be installed in a phased manner

We would be grateful if you would complete the below questionnaire and submit your response **by close of play October 30th**. (*NOTE: if you would prefer to complete the survey on paper you can do so by emailing [cllr.nic.holladay@wickhamparishcouncil.org](mailto:cllr.nic.holladay@wickhamparishcouncil.org) or calling 07778 668380: he will arrange delivery to you. Once completed please return it to “Occasions on the Square” who have kindly agreed to receive paper responses*).

**Nic Holladay**

Chair of Recreation Committee  
Wickham and Knowle Parish Council

**Sue North**

Chair of WCTC

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**Q1) It has been proposed that 2 PADEL courts might be provided \***

For a demonstration of Padel see <https://youtu.be/rSlvS-Skg28>

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	N/A
Do you think that provision of this sports facility would be popular ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How likely are you to play ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you encourage your friends to play ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you encourage members of your family to play ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you like to see more than 2 courts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q2) Regardless of your answers in Q1, if PADEL is provided and it is possible to choose location, where would you prefer it to be located ? \***

- Mill Lane
- Wickham Rec
- No preference

**Q3) It has been proposed that 2 PICKLEBALL courts might be provided \***

For a demonstration of Pickleball see see <https://youtu.be/kqLRRNOpe8U>

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	N/A
Do you think that provision of this sports facility would be popular?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How likely are you to play ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you encourage your friends to play ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you encourage members of your family to play?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you like to see more than 2 courts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q4) Regardless of your answers in Q3, if PICKLEBALL is provided and it is possible to choose location, where would you prefer it to be located ? \***

- Mill Lane
- Wickham Rec
- No preference







**Q8) Regardless of your answers in Q7, if a TENNIS WALL is provided and it is possible to choose location, where would you prefer it to be located ? \***

- Mill Lane
- Wickham Rec
- No Preference

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**Q9) It has been proposed that a FACILITY FOR JUNIOR TENNIS might be provided with a particular aim of encouraging use by and coaching for children at the primary school \***

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	N/A
Would you support provision for FACILITY FOR JUNIOR TENNIS ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q10) Regardless of your answers in Q9, if a FACILITY FOR JUNIOR TENNIS is provided and it is possible to choose location, where would you prefer it to be located ? \***

- Mill Lane
- Wickham Rec
- No preference

**Q11) Whilst it is intended to maintain the 2 TENNIS courts at the Rec, it has been \* proposed that space be reserved for additional TENNIS courts at the Mill Lane site should it be necessary to re-locate the Club there in the future.**

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	N/A
Would you support reservation of space for additional TENNIS courts at Mill Lane	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you like to see additional TENNIS courts installed in an early phase of the development at Mill Lane rather than later?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

**Finally, if you are willing, it would greatly help analysis if you would answer as many of the following as you feel comfortable answering.**

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#### NAME

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

#### POSTCODE

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE RANGE**

- 10-14
  - 15-19
  - 20-29
  - 30-39
  - 40-49
  - 50-59
  - 60-69
  - 70+
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**GENDER**

- FEMALE
- MALE
- Self Identify

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS (Yours)**

Your answer

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**END OF SURVEY**

Many thanks for your time and your responses which will be invaluable in informing the development of Racquet Sports for 2024 and beyond. A summary of aggregate responses will be shared with members of WCTC.

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