

HIGH COPSE · MILLWORTH LANE · SHINFIELD PARISH

PADEL COURTS IN THE PARISH..?

Shinfield Parish Council is in early conversations with a padel operator about outdoor, floodlit padel courts on parish land. Nothing has been proposed formally and no decision has been made on whether, where, or in what form courts should be built. The questionnaire **closes on Sunday 20 September 2026**.



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WITH YOUR PHONE



Padel courts elsewhere in the country. Left, open to the sky. Right, under a roof with a retractable central section. Both are illustrative only; no design has been chosen and the court surface need not be blue.

WHAT IS PADEL?

Padel is a racket sport played in doubles on an enclosed court about a third the size of a tennis court. The walls are in play, the serve is underarm, and the rackets are solid rather than strung. It is easy to pick up. The nearest courts are four to six miles away.

What is being explored. Several business models are being assessed. These include an operator building and running the courts and paying rent to the parish, and arrangements offering beneficial rates to parish residents. Two sites are being considered: High Copse Pavilion and Millworth Lane.

Where the sites are. At High Copse, courts would sit behind the existing pavilion, away from the footpath. At Millworth Lane they would go next to the existing tennis courts.

The questionnaire asks which site you prefer, what would concern you, and whether you would play. No knowledge of padel is needed.

WORTH KNOWING

- **Nothing has been decided.** Not the site, the design, or whether it happens at all.
- **Several business models are being assessed,** including an operator paying rent to the parish, and beneficial rates for parish residents.
- **Any Council contribution** would come from existing developer funding held as S106 and CIL, not from the precept.
- **Planning permission would be needed** from Wokingham Borough Council, with a further chance to comment.
- **Your views will influence what happens next.** Results go to the Facilities Committee in October 2026 and will be published in full.
- **Open to everyone in the parish,** one response per person. It takes about three minutes. All ages welcome; under 16s should ask a parent or guardian first.
- **Your answers are anonymous.** No name or address is collected.
- **This is not the last chance to comment.** If the Council proceeds, planning brings a further round.

HAVE YOUR SAY — complete the questionnaire online by scanning either code, or go to forms.cloud.microsoft/e/WdgGz1bSrY. Paper copies are available at School Green Centre, where completed forms can also be returned.

