

Stonefield Consultation

The results from the public consultation held on 8th April 2009 have proven inconclusive. A number of disassociated issues regarding Stonefield Park tended to overshadow the matter open for consultation and a number of disappointed local residents had felt unable to contribute to the process due to unusually emotive and highly sensitive viewpoints being expressed by campaigners present during the event.

After taking into account all relevant views expressed on the subject the Council now proposes to maintain the tennis courts within the Park and to attempt to improve the playing characteristics and usage levels of the facility. In order to achieve this it is felt appropriate that the grass courts will need to be replaced with a porous macadam surface which will be green in colour in keeping with the current aesthetics of the Park setting. It has become increasingly more acceptable within tennis circles that grass courts are no longer economically viable and alternative synthetic surfaces, as well as being more durable, are far more practical particularly during inclement weather. The new surface will enable greater opportunities for playing tennis in the Park with the Sports Development Section of Council now actively seeking to set up coaching courses whenever practical on the new courts to increase participation for younger users of the Park. Of necessity such courses are planned well in advance and a synthetic surface reduces the possibility of cancellation due to the weather

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