

## Extending Use of the Tennis Courts

**Proposal:** To contract a specialist (up to a maximum of £3,000) to research and report on the feasibility and benefits of either lighting the courts and/or making the courts into a multisport area.

For the lighting this should produce information as to suggested type of lights, the technical issues surrounding installation, operational issues, the impact on surrounding area, costs and likely impact on total usage hours. For multi-sport use this should produce information as to which sports can be accommodated, what is involved practically, costs, impact on current tennis usage, likely demand and impact on total usage hours.



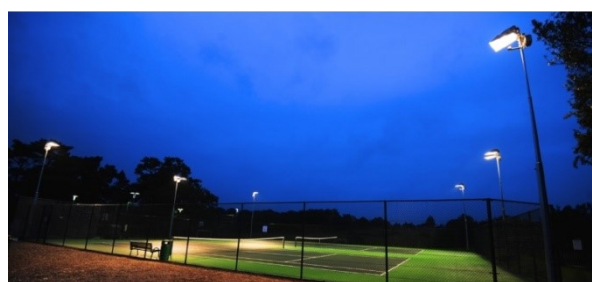
**Details:** It has been suggested that more use could be made of the tennis courts on The Fairground which are owned and maintained by the parish council. Although regularly used by Mortimer Tennis Club (approx. 450 - 500 hours per annum), the booking hours by private individuals are not high (approx. 170 hours per annum).

Use could potentially be increased by either or both:

- Providing lighting which would provide more hours in which tennis could be played.
- Adding lines and equipment to make the courts useable for other sports such as netball, basketball etc.

**Costs:** Up to £3,000 for the technical report; no ongoing costs unless the project goes ahead

Examples of multi-use sports courts (one also with lights) and of tennis courts with lights:



**Your views:** Any views you give are important we would particularly like to know:-

- Do you think lighting the tennis courts will result in greater use?
- Do you support lighting the courts?
- Is it a good idea to make the tennis courts suitable for use by other sports?
- Would you (or your group) like to use the tennis courts for other sports/purposes?