

# MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCIL OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION STUDY: ASSESSMENT REPORT

## PART 19: TENNIS

### Introduction

- 19.1 The Herefordshire & Worcestershire Lawn Tennis Association (H&W LTA) is located at Manor Park Sports Club in Malvern Town area, and is responsible for the development of tennis across both counties.

*Table 19.1: Summary of courts by analysis area*

<b>Analysis area</b>	<b>No of tennis courts</b>
Malvern Town area	<b>19</b>
Rural areas	<b>11</b>
Upton and Hanley areas	<b>5</b>
Tenbury Town area	<b>6</b>
<b>MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT</b>	<b>42</b>

### Key issues for tennis

#### *Provision of indoor courts*

- 19.2 Although more detail is provided in the Indoor Facilities section, it should be noted that the provision of additional, indoor courts is a priority for the H&W LTA across the County of Worcestershire. There are currently two indoor courts at Manor Park Sports Club in Malvern Town area and there are aspirations to cover another two existing outdoor courts at the site.
- 19.3 Hallow Tennis Club plans to erect an inflatable 'bubble' structure over two of its existing outdoor courts. The Club has developed a strong junior section over the last two years, but has experienced poor retention over the winter months. It therefore plans to deliver all-round coaching, and Worcester University has expressed a strong interest in making use of any indoor provision at off-peak times. The plans are supported by the H&W LTA.

#### *Manor Park pay and play*

- 19.4 There are two outdoor courts at Manor Park Sports Club that are made available for the local community. However, consultation reveals that this is poorly advertised and is not used to its potential. MHDC has explored the possibility of increasing the awareness of this arrangement, perhaps through the promotion and management of access from the Splash Leisure Complex.

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## ***Kempsey Tennis Club***

19.5 Kempsey Tennis Club is currently undergoing a renovation of its courts, which is funded by the LTA. Floodlights are also to be installed on two courts, which is also being funded by the LTA. The condition of the courts has forced the Club to play its matches at other venues, including Manor Park Sports Club. As a result, club membership levels have dropped but they are expected to increase on completion of the upgrade works.

### **Tennis summary and recommended actions**

<p><b>Tennis summary</b></p> <p><b><i>Current provision</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There are 42 outdoor tennis courts in Malvern Hills District.</p> <p><b><i>Future provision</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There is no need for additional outdoor tennis courts provision in the District.</p> <p><b><i>Other issues</i></b></p> <p>See below.</p>
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*Table 19.2: Summary of key issues and recommendations*

<b>Key issue</b>	<b>Proposed outcome objective</b>	<b>Recommended action</b>
Manor Park pay and play	Accessible courts made available to the community on a pay and play basis, which are well used.	Investigate, and implement, methods of increasing awareness and access to the tennis courts at Manor Park Sports Club on a pay and play basis.
Kempsey Tennis Club	Good quality club with a high level of development.	Consider ways of developing school-club links with Kempsey Tennis Club to increase junior participation at the Club.