

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

PART 29: INDOOR TENNIS

Manor Park Sports Club

29.1 Manor Park Sports Club is a private members club located in Malvern Town area. It is jointly operated by Manor Park Club and the Malvern and County Indoor Tennis (MACIT), and houses the Worcestershire & Herefordshire LTA (W&H LTA) is located. It has the following tennis provision:

- Four, outdoor & four artificial grass tennis courts.
- Three all weather (macadam) tennis courts.
- Four outdoor cushioned & two indoor cushioned acrylic courts.

29.2 There are a total of nine tennis teams playing under the name of Manor Park. However, the indoor courts are used to capacity and there are plans to cover an additional two courts in the future. This is supported by the LTA and is an NGB priority across the County for capital funding support, as Worcestershire County has the lowest number of indoor courts per head of population in the Country (1:350,000).

Hallow Tennis Club

29.3 Hallow Tennis Club plans to construct a bubble over two courts in order to facilitate winter training. The Club has the support of the LTA and Worcester University is interested in using the facility at off-peak times. It sees the development as vital to sustain the high levels of junior development, so sessions can run throughout the year. (This is summarised further in the Outdoor Sports Facilities report).

Indoor tennis summary

Current provision

- There are two indoor tennis courts at Manor Park Sports Club.

Future provision

- The indoor courts at Manor Park are used to capacity; the addition of two more indoor courts will meet demand. This will be supplemented by the construction of a bubble at Hallow Tennis Club.

Other issues

- W&H LTA has highlighted the provision of additional indoor courts as a priority for Worcestershire County as it has the lowest number of indoor courts per head of population in the country.