

Transport for Greater Manchester

TfGM have reviewed the accompanying Transport Statement and have the following response:

The development seeks approval for the erection of 5 padel courts at Unsworth Cricket Club, off Pole Lane in Bury.

As padel courts are fairly new, it is difficult to find comparable sites within the TRICs database. However, from reviewing the methodology set out within the TS, it does appear to be robust. It assumes that all 5 courts are in constant use with four players at a time and that the turnaround is within the hour resulting in 40 people on-site for the proposed use at any one time.

The proposed trip generation has had modal split applied utilising census data, which is journey to work data. TfGM agree with the TS in that these are generally single occupancy trips whereas this will differ for leisure use. Additionally, as it is a local facility, it is likely to have a greater level of public transport/walking/cycling uptake. As a result, a 30% reduction has been applied which is not unreasonable. Overall, this results in 21 trips which is within the 30 vehicles per hour threshold and as such junction assessments are not required.

The combined trip generation for both the existing cricket club and the proposed padel courts has been utilised to assess the parking demand at the site. The parking accumulation exercise demonstrates that the 49 car parking spaces are likely to be fully occupied during peak demand. The TS references that there is some overspill provision within the car park. It may be beneficial for a review of the surrounding Traffic Regulation Orders to be undertaken to determine whether any additional restrictions are required, to ensure any overspill parking does not occur out onto the surrounding roads.

The TS confirms that existing access and servicing arrangements will remain unchanged. It is noted that internal pedestrian walkways will be provided linking the padel courts to the clubhouse.

In terms of cycle parking, the TS confirms that 3 Sheffield cycle stands accommodating 6 cycles will be provided adjacent to the associated outdoor seating area, and the provision will be for users of the padel courts. Cycle parking should be in accordance with LTN 1/20 standards. TfGM would recommend that the cycle parking provision is covered.

Kind regards

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