

Tennis facilities in South Gloucestershire – securing external funding for improvements

The council has been approached by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), who are interested in supporting us with our work to get more people in South Gloucestershire active, and specifically, through increasing opportunities to play tennis.

They would like to invest in our local tennis courts, but first we want to understand about potential interest in tennis locally. Click on the link in the further information section for details of the improvements the LTA are keen to make.

Please complete this survey whether you currently use the tennis courts or not. In fact, we're especially interested to hear from people who don't currently play tennis to understand if there is more we can be doing to help you get active.

Section 1 - Do you play tennis?

Do you play tennis regularly?

- Most days
- Once or twice a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- Not currently

If you answered that you don't regularly play tennis, please let us know what deters you from playing (tick as many as apply)

- There aren't decent facilities near where I live
- It's too expensive to book a court
- I don't know how to book a court
- I don't have a racket
- I don't know anyone to play with
- I've never played before and don't know where I can learn
- Other

Do you ever play at a court in one of the parks in South Gloucestershire? (Kingswood, Page Park or Bromley Heath Playing Fields)

- Yes
- No

Other (please specify)

If you answered that you don't play on the courts in a South Gloucestershire park, please let us know why not (tick as many as apply)

- I didn't know about them
- It's difficult to book a court
- The courts are poorly maintained
- The booking fees are too expensive
- I play at private club facilities elsewhere
- There aren't any facilities near where I live
- Other

How often do you play tennis on one of the following courts:

	Most days	Once a week	A couple of times a month	Less than once a month	Never
Kingswood Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Page Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bromley Heath Playing Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 2: The proposed LTA investment

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is proposing to invest in local tennis courts and facilities to encourage more people to start playing.

The LTA funding would be used to improve the condition of the courts at Kingswood Park, Page Park, and Bromley Heath Playing Fields. Improvements would include resurfacing the courts, upgrading court fencing, introducing electronic gate access and an online booking system. The ongoing maintenance (of the courts) and the booking system will be managed by South Gloucestershire Council (Page Park and Kingswood Park) and Downend and Bromley Heath Parish Council (Bromley Heath Playing Fields).

A condition of the LTA funding is that courts must be pre-booked for a fee. It is proposed that users would be able to access the courts via an annual membership offering households unlimited usage (subject to a fair usage policy) and a 'pay as you play' option. Concessionary rates would be available and there will be free to play times and other free participation events (e.g. coaching sessions). All improvements would be funded by the LTA.

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I would use the courts more often if the playing facilities were upgraded (e.g. improved court surface and fencing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would use the courts more often if there was an annual membership offering unlimited access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would use the courts more often if there was an easy way to book sessions online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would use the courts more often if there were free to play sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would use the courts more often if coaching sessions were available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you do or were to play tennis, who would you most likely play with? (please tick all that apply)

- Friends
- Family
- Organised group
- Coach
- Other

Other (please specify)

We would like to understand what you think is a reasonable price to pay for using the tennis courts. We are proposing offering an annual household membership and a pay as you play option. The LTA have recommended a charge of £36 for annual household membership for unlimited use of facilities or £6 per hour if you would prefer to pay to play. Please let us know if you think these are reasonable prices.

Too cheap About right Too expensive

£36 for annual household membership

£6 per hour for pay per play

Section 3:

Finally, please let us know if you would like the council to accept the LTA's proposed investment in tennis facilities.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Disagree strongly

I support the proposed LTA investment in local tennis facilities

Please use this space to leave any further comments

About You

This section is really important. It's vital that we understand the experiences of a wide range of respondents in order to ensure that everyone is treated equally. By understanding more about what people from diverse backgrounds tell us, we can ensure we act appropriately to meet needs. All questions are optional and any responses to these questions will remain confidential. Individuals will not be identified and personal details will not be published.

Please tell us your postcode (this will be used for analysis purposes only)

What is your age?

 Under 18

 35 to 44

 65 to 75

 18 to 24

 45 to 54

 Over 75

 25 to 34

 55 to 64

 Prefer not to say

Are you?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Please tell us your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual
- Lesbian/Gay woman
- Other
- Gay Man
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? **(Please tick all that apply)**

- No
- Prefer not to say
- Yes - Physical impairment, such as difficulty using arms or mobility issues which may mean using a wheelchair or crutches
- Yes - Sensory impairment, such as being blind/having a serious visual impairment or being deaf/have a hearing impairment
- Yes - Mental health condition, such as depression, anxiety or schizophrenia
- Yes - Learning disability/difficulty (such as Down's Syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia) or cognitive impairment (such as autism spectrum condition)
- Yes - Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy
- Yes - Other (please state)

Please tell us your ethnic origin

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab/Arab British | 01 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - Other | 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi | 02 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Asian | 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Chinese | 03 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black African | 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Indian | 04 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/multiple ethnic group - White & Black Caribbean | 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Other | 05 | <input type="checkbox"/> White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British | 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Pakistani | 06 | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Other (please state) | 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - African | 07 | <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish | 17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Caribbean | 08 | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Roma | 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Other | 09 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group | 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | 20 |

If other, please state:

Are you currently, or have you previously, served in the UK Armed Forces?

- No
- Yes - currently serving
- Yes - previously served in Regular Armed Forces
- Yes - previously served in Reserve Armed Forces
- Prefer not to say

Please return your completed questionnaire to South Gloucestershire Council, Insight and Engagement Team, PO Box 1953, Bristol BS37 0DE

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