

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE
MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
CONSULTATION FEEDBACK – WHARTON RECREATION GROUND TENNIS
COURTS

The consultation regarding proposals for development of the tennis court at Wharton Recreation Ground has been on the website since August 2024, together with posters placed on site, which included a QR code for responses.

The response results are summarised below:

Questions	Yes	No	Further comment
Do you play tennis?		2	
If you don't is there anything stopping you?	1	1	The tennis courts are inaccessible as the hedge by the gate is overgrown and they are always locked
Would you be interested in more inclusive activity such as Walking Tennis?		2	
Would you play if equipment was provided for hire?	1	1	
Are there any improvements that could be made?	1		Unlock the gate
How much do you think the Council should charge?		£1 £1	
Would you prefer the tennis court to be replaced with another facility? If so, what would you like to see			
Do you think the tennis court at Wharton is fine and does not need improvement or money spent on it?		1	

If you play tennis, please indicate where you play:

Wharton Rec	Other Winsford Court	Outside Winsford
X		X

Further comments:

- A fully enclosed dog exercise area would be far more useful in this park given the number of people who walk their dogs here.
- Why can I not enter nil in the box asking what I think the charge should be for using the courts? If you want to encourage people to use something, don't block them by charging.

Based on the findings – which are very limited due to the very small number of responses, it appears that the two people who responded do not play tennis and it also seems that they want the tennis court used for other things. Members should be careful before drawing any definitive conclusions from this and may wish to pursue further research.