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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
NOTICE OF REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

Case Reference	HGY/2026/0579
Location	Georgians Tennis Club, Crouch End Playing Fields, Haringey, London, N8 8JJ
Proposal	Erection of all-weather canopies over 3 no. padel courts (proposed) and installation of 2no. pickleball courts (retrospective).
Received	2 March 2026

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act, the London Borough of Haringey as Local Planning Authority hereby REFUSE the above development for the reason(s) listed in the attached schedule.

Title	Description	Date
Proposed and previous applications comparative drawings.pdf	Additional plans	2 March 2026
844_PL_100-PROPOSED SITE PLAN.pdf	Block plan of the site	2 March 2026
LocationPlan.pdf	The location plan	2 March 2026
844_PL_321-PROPOSED EASTWEST ELEVATIONS-PADEL.pdf	Elevation (Side) - Proposed	2 March 2026
844_PL_320-PROPOSED NORTHSOUTH ELEVATIONS-PADEL.pdf	Additional plans	2 March 2026

**Head of Development Management and Planning Enforcement
Planning Service**

Refusal Reasons: (1)

- 1 The proposed introduction of all-weather canopies, by reason of their enclosing form, materiality, visual prominence and siting within this part of Crouch End Playing Fields, would result in highly visible and conspicuous structures that would harm the openness, character and historic open nature of this Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). While the proposal would provide additional sporting, community and health benefits through increased year-round use of the courts, these benefits are not considered sufficient to clearly outweigh the identified harm. Furthermore, the proposal would create a risk of similar canopies and enclosures being sought at other sporting and recreational facilities within the wider MOL, resulting in cumulative harm to the openness, character and function of Crouch End Playing Fields. Accordingly, the proposal constitutes inappropriate development within MOL for which the very special circumstances necessary to justify approval have not been demonstrated and is therefore contrary to Policy G3 of the London Plan (2021), Policies SP11 and SP13 of the Haringey Local Plan, Policies DM1 and DM20 of the Haringey Development Management DPD, and the National Planning Policy Framework (2026).

Notes:

You can find advice in regard to your rights of appeal at: <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal.

This notice relates solely to a planning decision and does not purport to convey any approval or consent which may be required under the Building Regulations or any other statutory purpose.

For more information about making a Building Regulations application, please contact Haringey Council Building Control Team by email building.control@haringey.gov.uk, telephone at 020 8489 5504, or see our website at www.haringey.gov.uk/buildingcontrol