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James Winston
Site: Fortis Green Tennis Club

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Dear James,

Please see below short report of the tennis court surface condition at Fortis Green Tennis Club,

On my last visit to Fortis Green Tennis Club the existing shale courts have clearly suffered from severe subsidence over there lifespan.

We would consider the courts dangerous, considering the large depressions / undulations in the playing surface.

Given the type and age of the courts, they would have been built on an ash base, which over many years degrades and become impervious, this leads to poor drainage and pooling water on the surface. In the days when this kind of surface was installed, geotextile membrane did not exist.

The courts were constructed directly on ground formation.

Over many years of ground movement (encouraged by the surrounding trees, probable root intrusion into the subbase) and lack of geotextile membrane, the ground formation slowly migrates and contaminates the court base, this in turn destabilises the courts causing the large depressions.

I am sure the courts have been redressed a number of times in their lifetime, however this is only covering up the problem.

In our opinion the courts are past their life span.

The solution is to reconstruct the court block, this would create a solid uniform court surface which will stand the test of time, and in the future allow for standard resurfacing techniques to be applied without the need for further reconstructions.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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