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Design and Access Statement
Tennis Court Surfacing

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Project Aim

The aim of the project is to provide a new tennis court area which will be constructed on the southern lawn to the front of the club building. The new court area will provide two new green acrylic surfaced courts with white play lines. Access to the new tennis courts will be through the club's lounge areas, utilising existing doors in the southern elevation.

Context

The application site comprises the main two storey club building which is essentially a refurbishment and extension of the former Hatfield Hanger, a five storey tower with modest accommodation and associated external facilities and infrastructure. The external facilities include six tennis courts, outdoor pool, children's tennis area, basketball court and associated lighting. The courts will be located on the lawn area to the south of the main club building where there is permission for a grass tennis court. The site forms part of the Hatfield Aerodrome redevelopment site which includes the applicant's leisure club, a mixed use district centre, office and residential development.

Design

The details of the proposals are set out in drawing no. L(0)11 which shows the proposed site plan. There are no elevation plans as the application is just for surfacing and no fencing and/or lighting is proposed which would require illustration. The design will follow the normal function layout of a standard tennis court and be surfaced in a acrylic material.

Layout and Access

The proposed layout is shown on drawing no. L(0) 11. The permitted grass court will be replaced by two acrylic tennis courts which will be situated to the south of the club building. As stated previously, access will be gained from the existing doors linking the club's lounge areas. This will create a more efficient link between the tennis area and changing room area. At present all players have to access the tennis courts via the service yard

area.

Disabled access will be as existing.

Tennis Court Materials

The tennis courts will be surfaced in a green acrylic surface which is a tough and durable material which will allow for play throughout the seasons. The acrylic surfacing has the colouring of grass, will blend well with the existing lawn area and not have a visual impact on the surrounding area.

Fencing/Lighting

There is no lighting or boundary fencing proposed for this area.

New Floor Space

There are no new buildings associated with this proposal and no new internal floorspace will be created.