

Re: BH2017/02771 Pavilion and Avenue Tennis Club

Planning application - BH2017/02771

Sender's details

Cllr Vanessa Brown

As a Councillor for Hove Park Ward I am writing to object to the above application. The Tennis Club is completely surrounded by residential properties and already has 6 floodlit courts. In 2015 a very similar application to this one was refused by the Planning Committee. The only change to this application seems to be a minor adjustment to the times of operation.

To put 8 x 8m high floodlights just at the end of the gardens in Onslow Road will cause a significant amount of light pollution and spillage into the gardens and rear bedroom windows of these properties. These residents are already affected by the existing floodlights but these are situated further away and on lower ground. The floodlights are also lower in height. These proposed new lights would have a very detrimental effect. There will also be more noise pollution to the surrounding homes as these courts are to be used primarily for coaching up to 9.00 pm on weekday evenings.

I also have serious concerns about the wildlife. Bats, birds and many insects live in the trees and shrubs in and around the site. There are regular sightings of bats . These would be badly affected by such lights.

The extra floodlights would definitely have a detrimental effect on the lives of neighbours backing onto these courts. I would therefore request that if the planning officers should recommend passing the scheme it goes before the Planning Committee for decision as the previous scheme did. I would also suggest a site visit.

Yours sincerely

Vanessa

