

An aerial watercolor illustration showing a cluster of six blue padel courts arranged in a 2x3 grid. The courts are enclosed by blue mesh fencing and have wooden walkways between them. Several small figures of people are scattered across the courts, suggesting active use. The courts are situated next to a large, dark wooden building with a gabled roof. The entire area is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage, rendered in a soft, painterly style. The text 'Proposed Padel Courts at Gatehouse Hub' and 'Design & Access Statement' is overlaid in the top left corner.

Proposed Padel Courts at Gatehouse Hub Design & Access Statement

Bedford Park III

Neaves Park, Goddards Green, West Sussex BN6 9ZN

Introduction

This Design & Access Statement supports a planning application for the proposal of three outdoor padel courts within Gatehouse Hub, Neaves Park, a contemporary mixed-use business park. Located on part of the site which was underutilised with no affect on the estate or units.



Application Site & Context

The site lies on the southern side of Gatehouse Lane in Goddards Green, west of Burgess Hill in West Sussex. The village sits just south of the A2300, which links the A23 London to Brighton route to the A273 around Burgess Hill. The site forms part of Gatehouse Hub, Neaves Park and occupies existing leisure uses, making it a suitable and accessible location for the proposed padel courts.

Positioned within a business park, the setting helps to mitigate potential mixed-use impacts, while its distance from residential areas ensures no undue disturbance. The proximity to Burgess Hill, Hurst and Goddards Green,

combined with strong pedestrian and cycle connections, makes this an ideal location for a sports facility and proposed padel courts. It is also very close to the new sports facilities and playing pitches in Goddards Green.

Positioned within a business park, the setting helps to mitigate potential noise impacts, while its distance from residential areas ensures no undue disturbance. The proximity to Burgess Hill, Hurst and Goddards Green, combined with strong pedestrian and cycle connections, makes this an ideal location for a new sports facility.

Population of nearby towns

Haywards Heath

5 miles – 39,000

Brighton

10 miles - 278,000

Crawley

12 miles – 118,000

Horsham

14 miles - 50,934

Lewes

17 miles - 20,000

Worthing

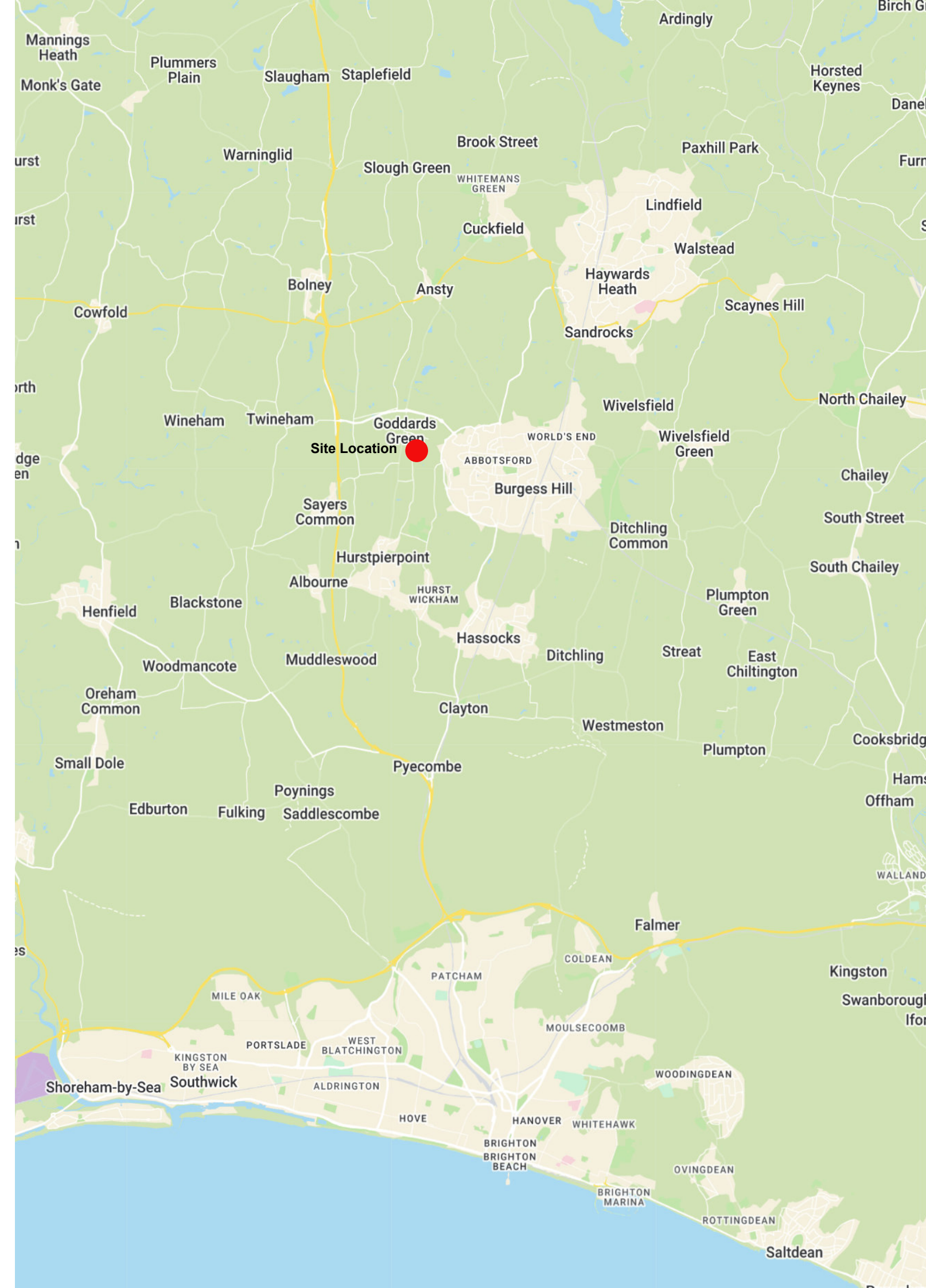
18 miles - 111,000

East Grinstead

20 miles - 26,000



Google Earth Image of site



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Design

The proposed installation comprises two double courts and one singles court, designed in accordance with current LTA Padel Court Guidance to ensure compliance with recognised layout, safety and accessibility standards.

Access

16 parking spaces and 2 disabled parking spaces will be provided adjacent to the entrance into the court area, with disabled access also.

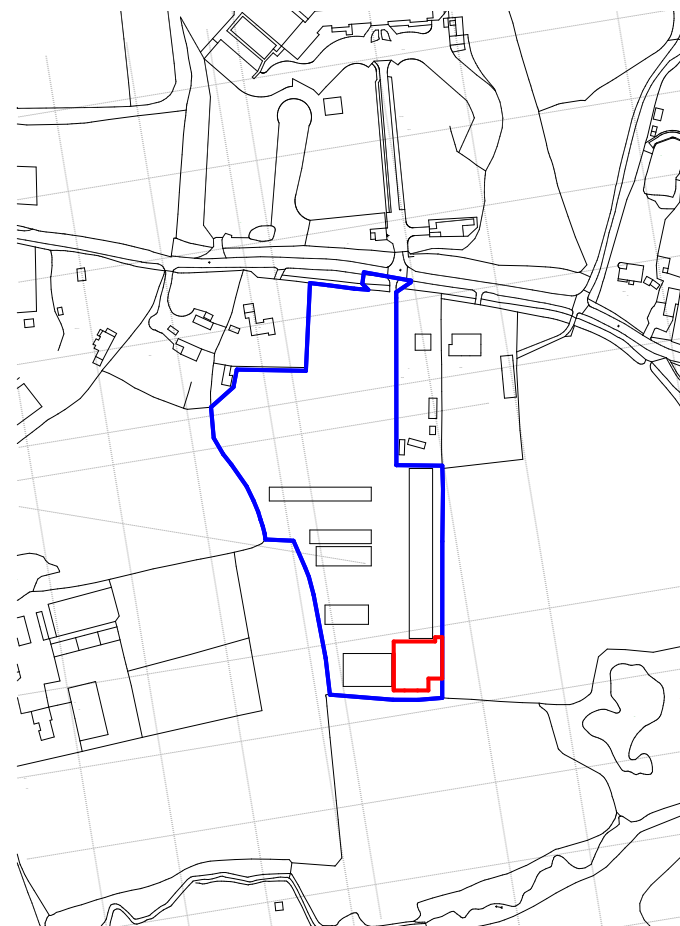


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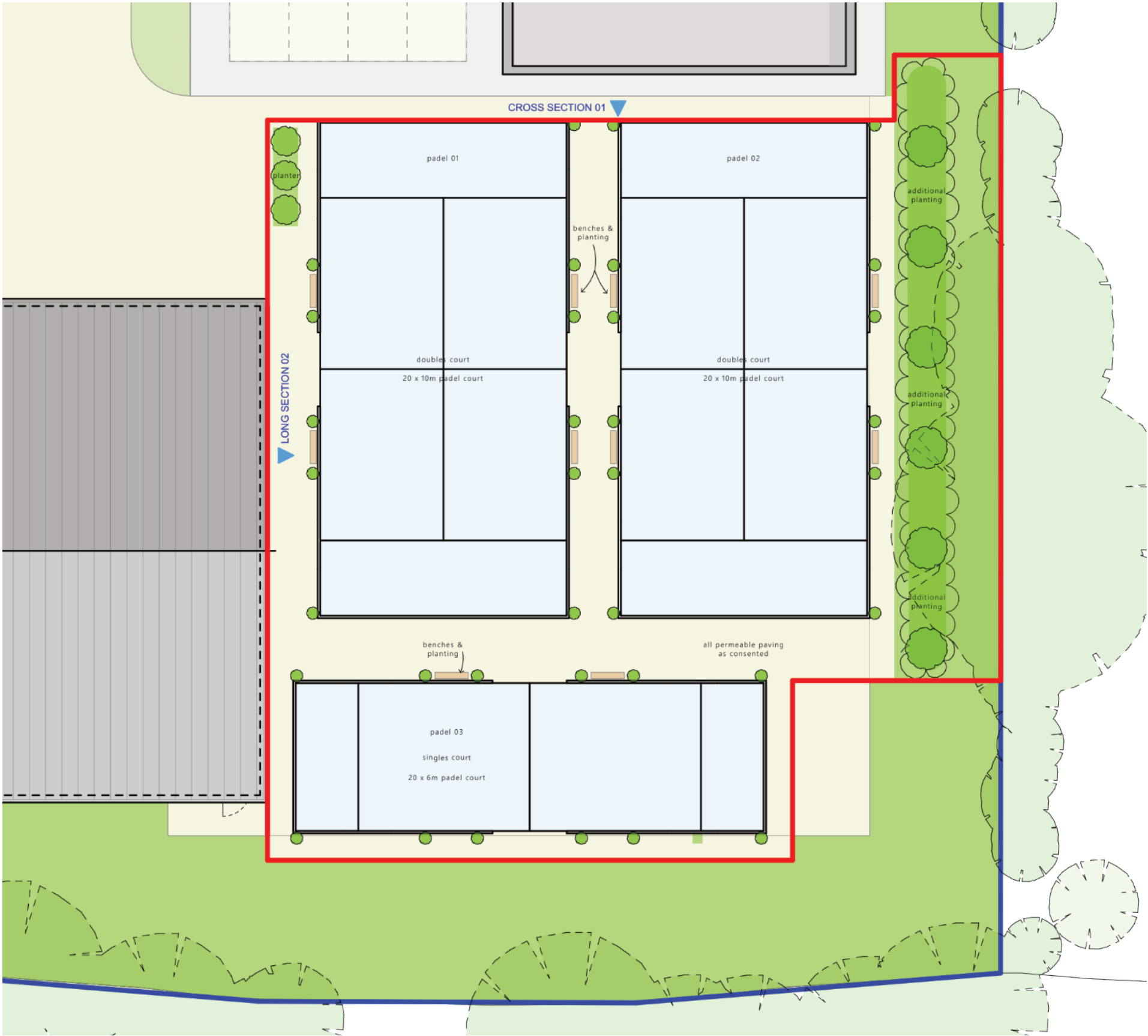
Proposed site plan



Proposed block plan



Proposed layout



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Landscaping

To further enhance the setting, additional planting is proposed to enhance planting around the eastern perimeter, reinforcing the existing substantial green buffer.

Scale

The areas of the Padel courts are:
Area for the 2 double courts combined 400m²
Single Court area: 114m²



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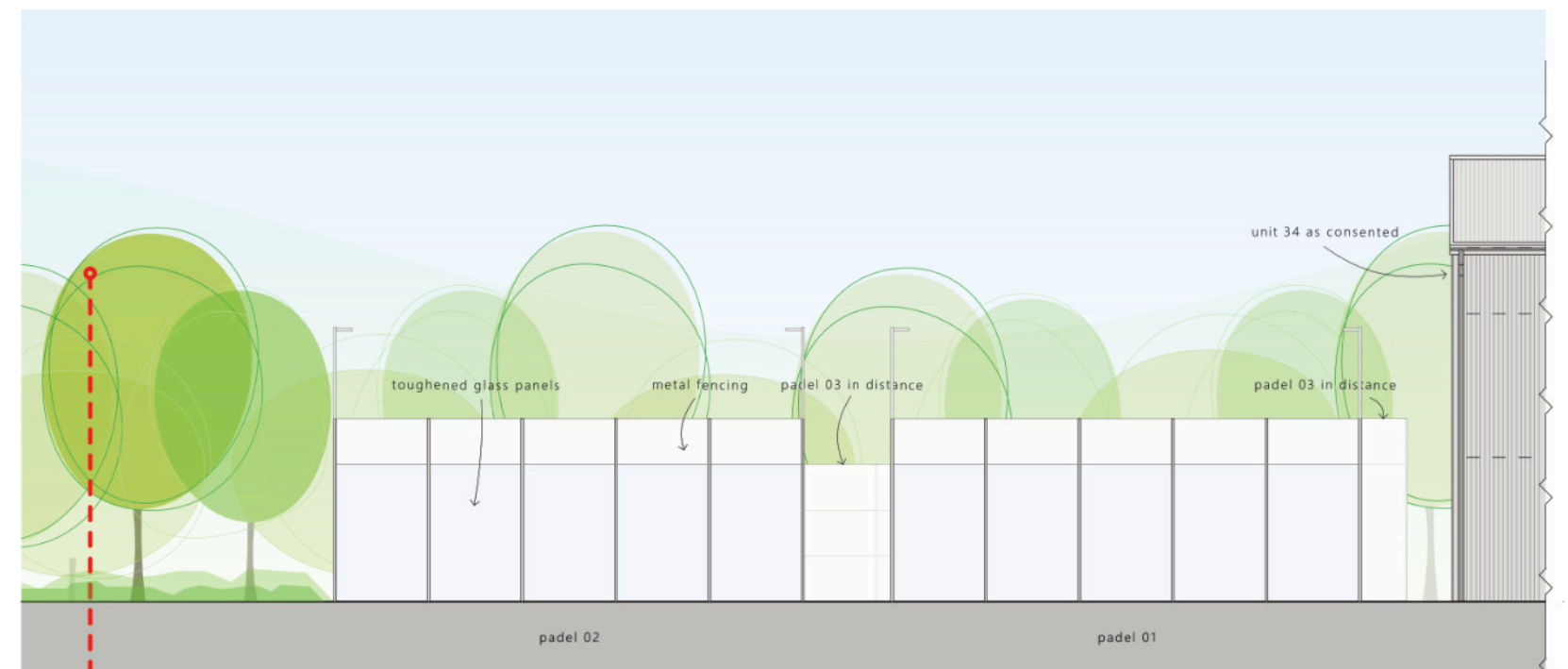
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Materials

Lightweight mesh and glass – see through materials with very low visual impact.

The proposed elevations and visuals demonstrate the low height of padel courts compared to the existing adjacent units.

The design approach reflects examples of best-practice padel court configurations, incorporating perimeter rebound fencing, gated access points and durable synthetic playing surfaces.



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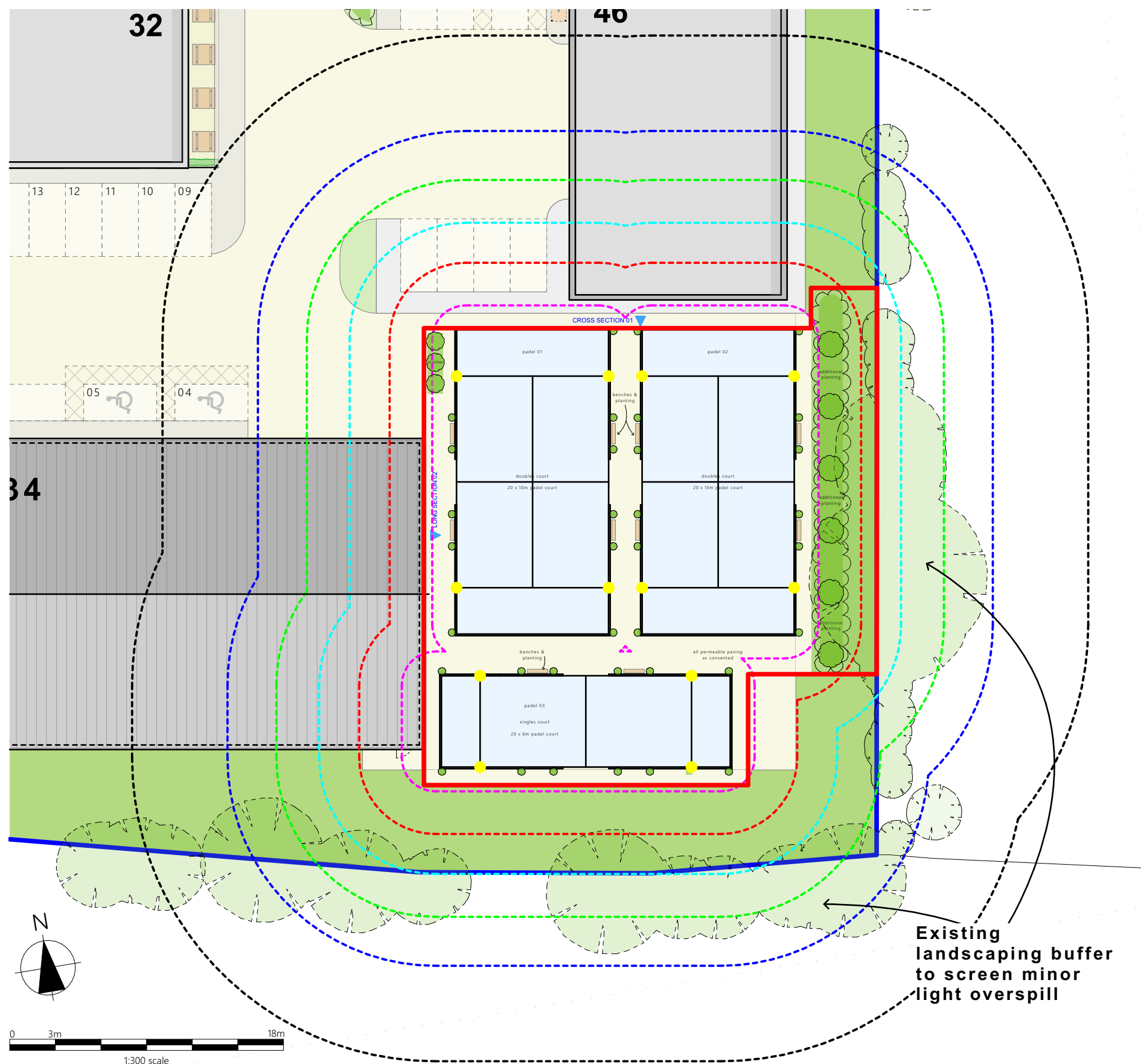
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PROPOSED LONG SECTION 02

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Floodlight

A floodlighting plan included in the planning drawing submission demonstrates expected light levels, spill and specifications, in line with the LTA Padel Court Data Sheet and example layouts provided for reference.

The lighting specification adopts energy-efficient, directional LED luminaires designed to minimise glare and reduce light spill beyond the court boundaries. From this analysis, it is clear that any spill whilst lights are in use would be very minimal and not give rise to any issue.



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Conclusion

The proposed padel courts at Gatehouse represent a well-considered design in accordance with LTA guidance, the layout, scale and lighting have been carefully planned to ensure safe, high-quality play while minimising visual and environmental impacts.

Set within an appropriate and accessible location, supported by additional landscape planting, the scheme will deliver a valuable community asset and will support health and wellbeing whilst contributing to the vitality and viability of Gatehouse Hub and the local community.

