

Planning Statement

Site: East Grinstead Tennis, Squash & Racketball Club, Ship Street, East Grinstead, RH19 4EE

Applicant: East Grinstead Tennis, Squash & Racketball Club

Agent: Ensolve Solutions Ltd

Proposal: Replacement of the existing metal halide floodlighting on Courts 1-2 and 4-5 with LED luminaires, together with the replacement of 4 no. existing lighting columns.

1. Introduction

This Planning Statement has been prepared by Ensolve Solutions Ltd on behalf of the Club in support of a full planning application to Mid Sussex District Council. It should be read in conjunction with the Design and Access Statement and East Grinstead Tennis Squash & Racketball Club_Report v4.0 PA.

2. The Proposal

Following an independent inspection, 3 no. 9m hexagonal flange-plated columns on Courts 4-5 have been condemned and should be replaced with 3 no. 9m tubular flange-plated columns on the existing anchor kits. 1 no. 8m root-mounted tubular column on Courts 1-2 should also be replaced like-for-like. The existing metal halide floodlights should be replaced with 16 no. Ensolve Modular 30 LED luminaires. The number, positions and heights of the columns and the mounting height of the luminaires will remain unchanged.

3. Planning History

Floodlighting is an established feature of the site. Planning permission GR/04/01412/FUL (2004) granted floodlighting at the Club subject to a condition that the floodlights are not used after 21:00 and only when the courts are in use. The established hours of use will remain unchanged.

4. Assessment

- **Principle:** The proposal maintains and improves an existing community sports facility. Without the works, the floodlighting on Courts 4-5 could not continue to be used.
- **Residential amenity:** The lighting has been designed in accordance with ILP Guidance Note 01/21: The Reduction of Obtrusive Light. Vertical illuminance at all assessed residential windows and facades is below 10 lux, with a maximum of 9.67 lux, using a worst-case maintenance factor of 1.0. The 21:00 switch-off is unchanged.
- **Character and appearance:** The replacement columns match the existing in number, position and height, with a visually comparable tubular profile and galvanised finish. The proposal preserves the character of the site.
- **Sustainability and safety:** The works resolve a structural safety matter, reuse the existing anchor kits and significantly reduce energy consumption compared with the existing metal halide installation.

5. Conclusion

The proposal is a like-for-like modernisation of existing floodlighting that resolves a structural safety matter while protecting the amenity of neighbouring residents. The Club respectfully requests that planning permission is granted.