

## Submissions received on Proposal for a padel court at Bishopdale Tennis Club, June 2025

### Organisations / Businesses

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35442	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b></p> <p>Padel is one of the fastest growing sports in the world with 30 million players in 130 countries. Padel courts have been installed in Auckland, Tauranga and Wellington with a huge uptake.</p> <p>Padel is a great sport to play for anyone independently of age, skill level and backgrounds in previous sports as it is such an easy sport to pick up, unlike many others like tennis etc.</p> <p>We see many people never having played a sport who now play padel on a regular basis.</p> <p>You can play padel as young as 5 up until your late 60s or mid 70s and with falling sports participation in New Zealand, this is a great sport to offer Kiwis.</p> <p>Christchurch is a big sports region and we have had the most requests from Christchurch compared to any other regions about padel and padel clubs.</p> <p>Please contact us if you have any questions around padel or see our website for more information: <a href="https://www.padelnewzealand.org.nz/">https://www.padelnewzealand.org.nz/</a></p>	Wictoria Markula – Padel New Zealand

### Individuals

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35399	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b></p> <p>Great idea</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b></p> <p>Trees in CHCH are poorly maintained so it won't matter</p>	Louise Brown
35400	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b></p> <p>Great idea. Will be good to finally have a padel court in Christchurch.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b></p> <p>The pros of having a new sport for the community definitely out weigh the loss of the walnut tree that is damaging the tennis courts and the replacement of the other trees.</p>	Alan Calvert
35402	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b></p> <p>I think this will be a great asset for the club and the wider community. This is a new sport in Christchurch and I look forward to having a go.</p>	Andrea Stanton
35403	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b></p> <p>I am very much against this. The "proposal" will encroach on the people who live in those units as will the lighting. That is not acceptable at all.</p> <p>If the users have 24/7 access (and there is nothing to say they will or won't) then that DEFINITELY will create anti social behaviour (which happens (has done for years) at the skate park) and the centre there has had break ins as well. This should NOT go ahead - how dare they put their wants over peoples right to privacy and peace and quiet. Having lights there will infringe on peoples health and well being THAT is more important. Who in their right mind wants lights shining into their property/abode? Very intrusive.</p> <p>Who will protect them when idiots start fighting (and worse) who is going to stand up for their rights? Isn't that on council land? Are they paying the council for the use of the land owned by the ratepayers?</p> <p>It's a very firm NO.</p> <p>The tennis court has fences up and those trees are DEFINITELY NOT within the current fence line therefore it is public property and should NOT be taken over by this "proposal"</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b></p> <p>Leave the trees alone! For crying out loud they are all mature trees and take many many years to grow that big. NO to removing the trees - throwing in other ones (which will no doubt be the "pc" choice and not replacing what is there now) NO trees should be removed to suit somebody's want - it is not a need and they need to be left alone. The trees are not sick or dying therefore they must remain. Also people pick up those walnuts that are dropped - WHY do they think it's ok to remove the trees that have</p>	Sheryl Croft

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	<p>have taken many many years to grow? Also as it is now there is some privacy for the flat residents (bushes, existing MATURE trees, leaves, etc) and there will be none of that if removed they will be exposed to the lights and noise. The trees MUST remain - NO to this "proposal"</p>	
35404	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Looks great - The addition of a Padel court in the area will be beneficial and I can see many members of the community making use of it.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No objections - replanting additional trees, even if not within the impacted area sounds like a reasonable course of action.</p>	Jared Kloppe
35405	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think it's a great idea it will be great for the tennis club and other local businesses as people will want to go get a drink or do something else after having a hit.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No doesn't bother me at all</p>	James Kirk
35409	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Providing a Padel court is a great idea, as it diversifies the options for people. I understand that the skills are similar to tennis but easier to learn, and on a smaller court with the ability to bounce off walls. Very appealing for some.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Three trees are reported as "small" and replacements will reach a similar size fairly quickly. The third is large but already has issues with its location, and in the photograph it doesn't look very healthy anyway. Given that the CCC is going to replace these with 8 trees elsewhere in Bishopdale Park, I don't see the tree removal/replacement as a problem.</p>	Mike Hurrell
35411	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> It's a great idea, something that is unique with no other padel courts currently in CHCH. Would be great in creating a real sense of community around the tennis club, as seen with the introduction of pickleball</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Tree removal is fine, as it adheres to city council policy</p>	Blake Cullen
35414	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Great idea! Will bring the community closer together and benefit all.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> The trees located on site and surrounding the venue have progressively become more and more unloved. They haven't been taken care of in a long time and it's time for them to go for some new plantings.</p>	Chris Burt
35417	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Would love to see something like this in Christchurch. Exciting new sport with a great facility accessible to the public sounds brilliant, my family and I would definitely utilise this.</p>	Tim McVie
35418	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I am supportive of this project as I think it will provide something new for the community.</p>	Grayson Cullen
35422	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Think that it's a fantastic idea for the community as it's suitable for young, old and those less mobile.</p>	Lewis Cowan
35424	<p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Great that they are replacing what is coming out - nice work.</p>	Mel Tipa
35426	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I support the building of a padel ball court.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> I support the removal of the trees knowing that replacements will be planted elsewhere.</p>	Patrick O'Sullivan
35427	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think it will a fantastic addition to the community and bring more people to the neighborhood.</p>	Stephanie Reeves

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35428	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Excellent progress catering for more people to engage in excercise.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Great to reposition new ones fit for purpose.</p>	Adrienne Hale
35429	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Would be a great addition to the area</p>	Nicola McCarthy
35430	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think it will be great for the community. It's a social sport for all levels and at the moment there aren't any opportunities to play padel in Christchurch</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No as there are plenty of trees nearby in the park</p>	Abigail Brand
35432	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I am keen for it to go ahead. It will be a great asset to the community and for all of Christchurch.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> The walnut tree does not look healthy and causes a lot of debris when it drops nuts all over the courts. I am in agreement of all trees to be removed if replaced by 2 new ones.</p>	Rose Tucker
35436	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> So excited about it, I love this sport, as do many people who have come from other countries. It's only taking off in New Zealand now, with several courts in the North Island, but as the fastest growing sport in the world, I have no doubt it will be a success. I myself will surely be playing on a regular basis, as well as my friends.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Ideally replacement trees should be planted in a new area, but I think the benefit of the court will outweigh the cost.</p>	Christopher Liddell
35437	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I believe that it will be good for the community by promoting and providing additional physical activities. Talking with friends in Auckland that have padel courts in their area, they have said how popular they are and enjoy having a new sport to play</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> I am not opposed to the removal of the trees</p>	Scott Carberry
35438	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Absolutely fantastic idea to be at the forefront of this sport and bringing awareness of both this sport and the other sports and facilities at BTC.</p>	Cath Gittins
35439	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> In favour</p>	Barry Van beurten
35441	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Am supportive of the padel court.</p>	James Wilson
35447	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Great idea</p>	Maddie Barber
35450	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I know a number of community members will be excited for the novelty and addition of exercise options in the local area.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> All seem reasonable</p>	Phoebe Macrae

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35454	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I fully support this initiative to have a dedicated padel court. It promotes exercise and is a great way for the community to come together.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> With all the residential building taking place around Christchurch there are plenty of new trees being planted which will drastically minimise any effect of the 3 trees being removed.</p>	Stuart Oakey
35455	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> It will be a great new activity to add to the things Bishopdale Tennis Club.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No, the leaves are a pain in the butt when they fall on the courts, especially the ones behind the actual tennis club.</p>	Fiona Kirk
35456		Peter Iosefo
35461	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Very keen, something I can continue to play when I'm older.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No, especially with the replanting policy</p>	Graeme McErlich
35503	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> A great initiative, good for the local community &amp; the wider Christchurch city.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> In order to make progress with the court, then these trees will need removal.</p>	Craig Perriman
35526	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Awesome. One of the fastest growing sports in the world. Great asset for Christchurch</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Replacing trees that's good.</p>	David Robb
35535	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> It'll be good for the community</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> It'll be big to remove the trees for the courts</p>	Douglas
35574	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Great asset for the community, fully support.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Take them out, they are big and old. New trees will give the place a lift.</p>	Mike Thomas
35584	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> This will have definite advantages for the Bishopdale Community and also for Bishopdale Tennis ClubThis will compliment the existing Tennis and Pickaball facilities.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Do what is necessary to facilitate this implementation.</p>	Paul Limbert
35592	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> It's a good idea.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Trees are quite large, so they need to be removed or severely chopped back. They also overshadow the tennis courts, causing courts to remain damp as the sun can't reach them.</p>	Gordon Arthur
35594	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> this will be a great addition to the community</p>	andrew de Lautour

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35596	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Will be great for the local community and the club.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> They are not well looked after now and quite untidy. Great the suggestion is to plant more trees in a different location.</p>	Adrienne Noon
35597	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I support the proposed panel ball court. This would be of significant benefit to the local area &amp; wider Christchurch community</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No problem with required removal of trees</p>	Belinda Schouten
35598	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think this will be an excellent addition to the Bishopdale community.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No concerns from me, the tree is likely to have to be removed or altered if it continues to have a detrimental effect on the tennis courts anyway</p>	Andrew Levenger
35599	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I support the new padel court</p>	Claire Collins
35600	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think it adds another welcome sporting event to CHCH, can only go good.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No, these are old and there are plenty more trees in the park to give a park feel.</p>	Andy Vernal
35601	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I support the proposed Padel court at Bishopdale Tennis Club. A growing game which needs places to play.</p>	Scott McCarthy
35602	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Great idea</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Happy that twice as many (similar) trees will be planted in their place.</p>	Losa Tuua
35606	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Offering a padle ball court to the clubs existing facilities will benefit the community and the club</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Ensure obstructive or potentially hazardous trees are removed or heavily pruned to ensure community safety.</p>	Karen Cartwright
35608	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> great idea good for the community</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> cant put the court in if they are there so get rid of them</p>	Bruce Mceachen
35639	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> This will be a great asset to Bishopdale community and I fully support it</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> No issue with the tree removal.</p>	Phil Criglington

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35643	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think it would be a very good community facility to have and good for Bishopdale and the Bishopdale Tennis Club. Padel is a fast growing and popular sport in many countries and I am sure it will prove popular in Christchurch also and be another good physical and sporting activity that Christchurch people can enjoy if we have the facilities</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Very limited trees removal is needed to put in the Padel court and I would not consider that material in these circumstances</p>	Julian Daly
35644	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I'm in support of the proposed padel ball court, it's a positive for the community, providing another sporting activity. The club already has good parking space with the adjacent public carpark and access to the club and proposed padel court is good. The proposed lights aren't adding any additional light spill to neighbours.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Happy with the removal of trees, I don't think replacing each tree with 2 new ones is necessary. 1 replacement tree would be sufficient.</p>	Erin Knappstein
35654	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I think it will add value for the Club and Bishopdale Community.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> I think that trees are essential but that the walnut tree would be better located outside the space leased by the Club. Removing the walnut tree would allow the court to be placed farther away from housing. Then two replacement trees could be planted nearby in the park.</p>	Michael Collins
35672	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> This will be a significant asset to the Bishopdale Tennis club and the local community .</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Obviously necessary</p>	Paul Limbert
35695	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I am in favour of the proposal as a padel court will be a great addition to the recreational opportunities in the area. I have played padel overseas and it is an excellent activity for both social interactions and fitness.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> I have no concerns.</p>	Mattias Wieland
35752	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> I would love to join the club if the padel court plan goes ahead.</p>	Jessica Nalleli Carranza Rodriguez
35780	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> This will be a great facility to have in the community.</p> <p><b>Do you have any comments on the removal of trees?</b> Good to send the plan is to plant some new trees in the park to replace the ones getting removed.</p>	Sally-Jane Lewington
35876	<p><b>Do you have any comments about the proposed padel ball court?</b> Happy to support the proposal</p>	Brett Hales