



## **Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley Parish Council Meeting**

*15 January 2026*

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# Benefits of Pulse Padel at Hawley Garden Centre

## What is Padel Tennis?

- Cross between Tennis and Squash
- Started in the 1960's in Mexico
- Huge in Europe and getting bigger across the world, fastest growing sport
- Easy to play and learn
- All inclusive sport – for all ages and abilities, easy to learn, can walk on court and play a game very easily, no racket sport experience required

## Proposed Development

- 4 doubles padel courts and 1 singles padel court (plan attached)
- Under an insulated canopy (plan attached)
- Rear of Hawley Garden Centre (plan attached)
- Racket shop, table tennis, minor F&B
- Includes additional parking, bicycle racks and EV Charging
- Open to all, pay and play sessions as well as memberships
- Creating a welcoming social hub for the local community, including indoor and outdoor socialising areas, with newly planted trees and shrubs

## Community Engagement Programme

To just mention a few items:

### Full Coaching Programme

- Intro to Padel
- Beginners
- Improvers
- Intermediate
- Advanced

(Harry and I are both qualified Padel Coaches)

### Social Sessions (Daytime & Evening)

- Ladies only sessions
- Daytime socials
- Weekend socials
- Over 50s
- Over 60s
- Teens

### Competition

- Box Leagues (Men's, mixed and ladies, over 50s)
- Cub competitions
- Regional Competition
- General; promotional Events (Dunlop, LTA and Exhibition Matches)

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**To allow everyone to benefit from this facility we will be giving free sessions to:**

- Locals Schools
- Charities and Local Community Groups

## **Demand**

- No padel courts in Dartford (apart from DL private members club)
- No covered Padel Courts in the surrounding area
- Only singles padel Court in Kent is based in Ashford
- Demand is very high — but supply is extremely low and we are not matching the demand

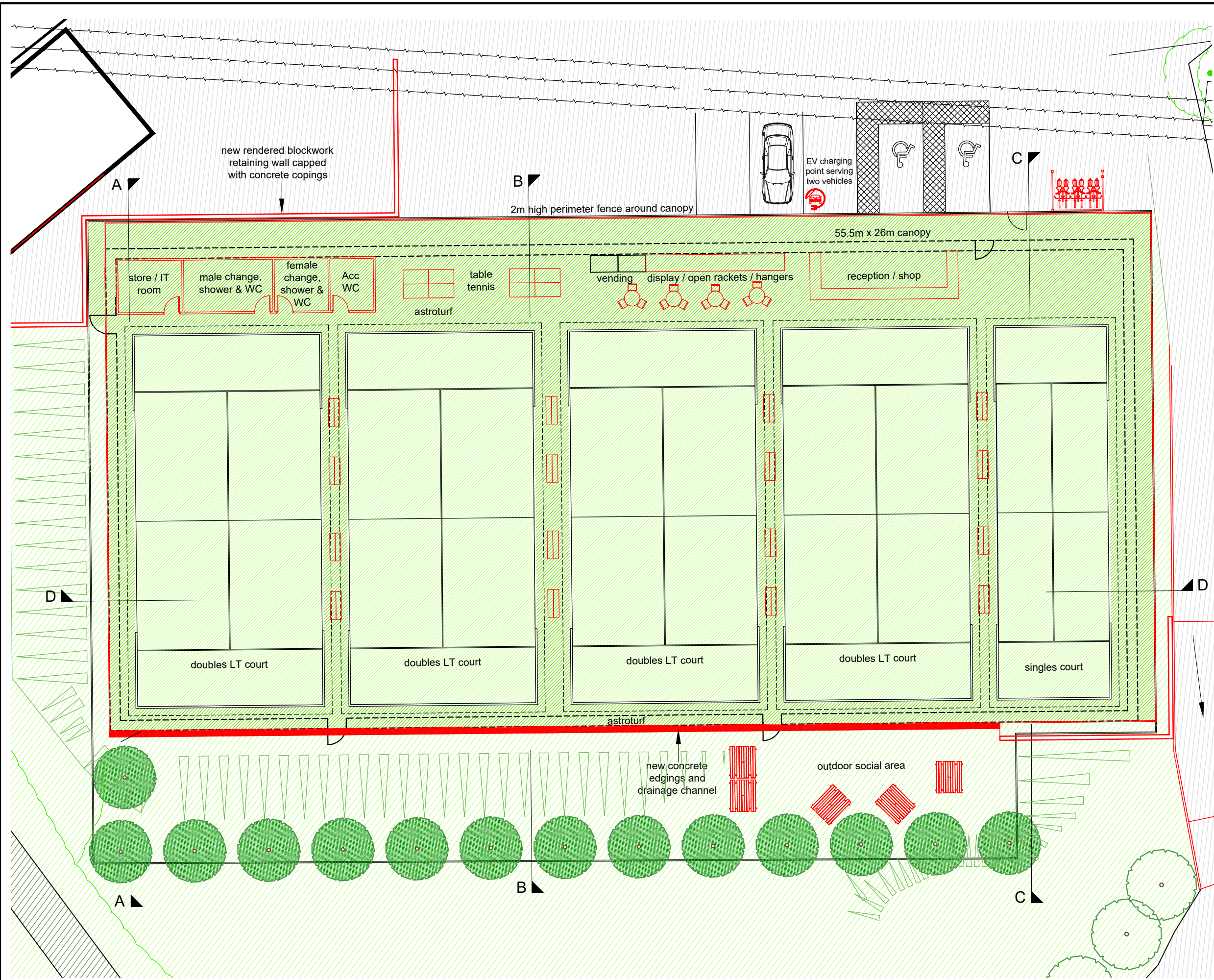
## **The Community have Spoken**

- 200+ positive comments on the planning portal
- Vast amounts of emails, messages daily from the local community asking when the Dartford facility will be open.

## **Key Benefits**

- Hawley Garden Centre is fabulous location
- Unused derelict land and in need of improvement (images attached)
- Not overlooking anyone
- Backs on to the M25 (noise will not be an issue) plans attached
- Good footfall of people already using the companies based at Hawley Garden Centre
- Increase footfall to the area and support local businesses
- Will bring a new accessible sport to the area
- New employment (est. 10-12 jobs)
- Dunlop Sponsored
- Creating a new health, fitness and wellbeing social hub for the local community

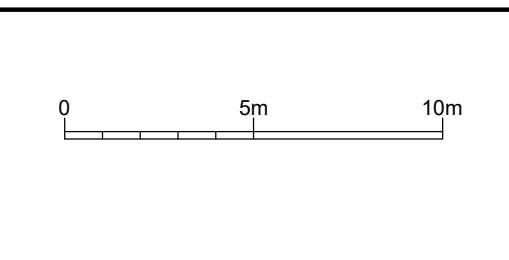
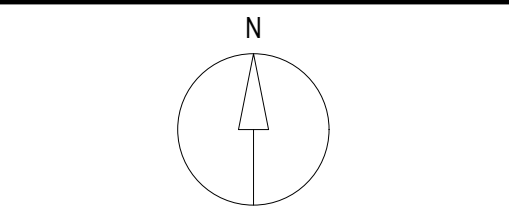
**Any questions?**



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- Building Regs
- Tender



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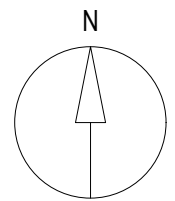


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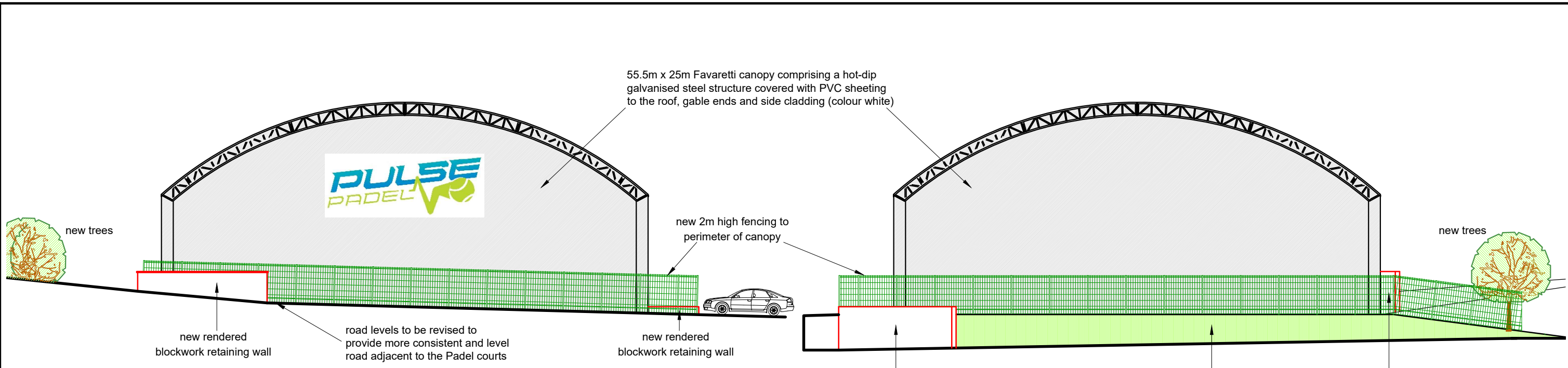


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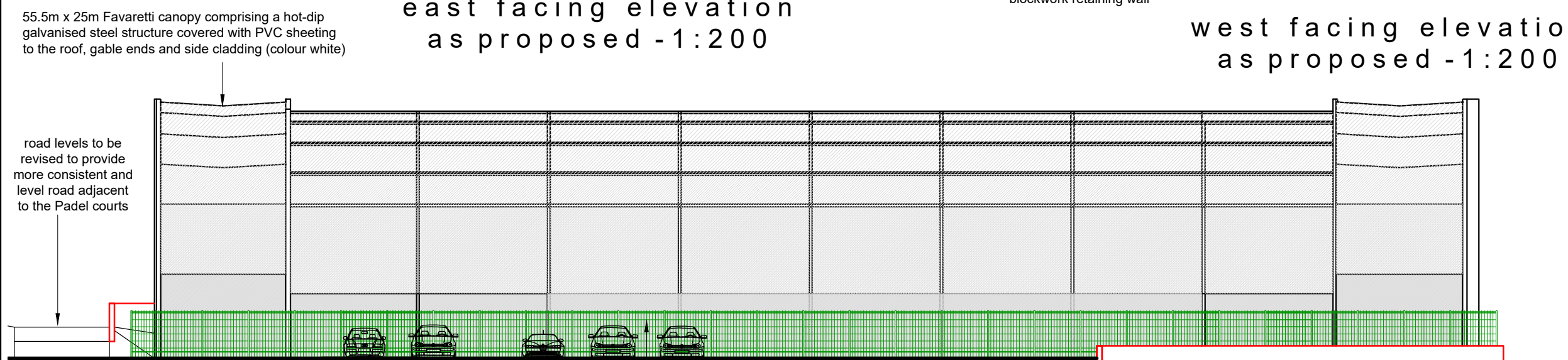
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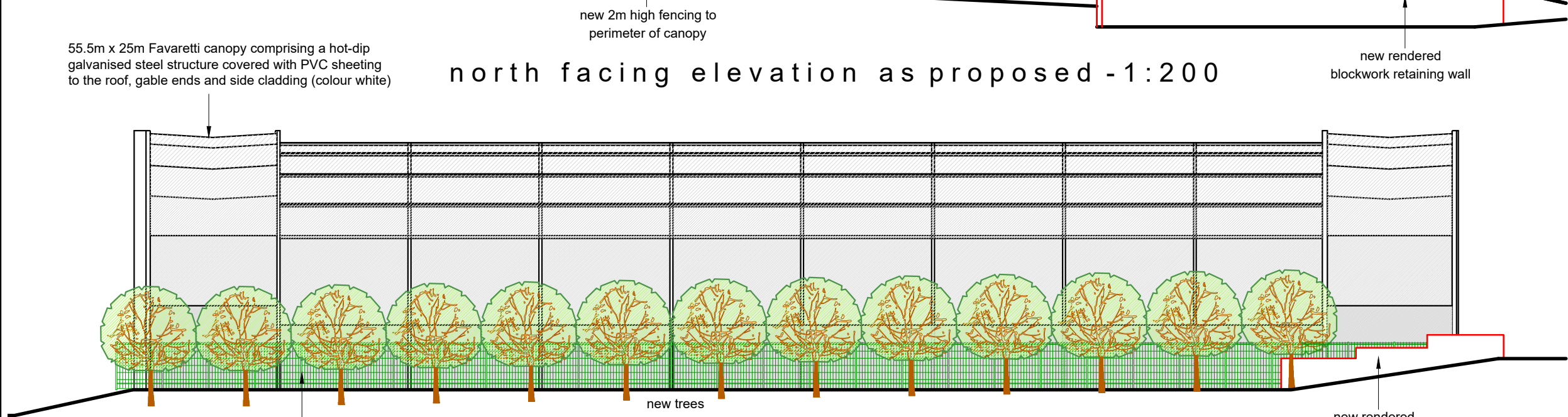


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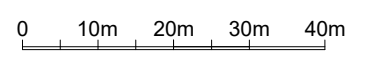
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# Proposed location of Padel Tennis Facility



# Padel Tennis Courts & Canopy



# Our Expertise

**Harry Knox, Director**  
(Otford, Kent)



**Martin Smickler, CEO**

(Kings Hill, Kent)



Martin leads Pulse Padel with a focus on community, transparency, and growth. As General Manager and Head Coach at Sevenoaks Padel Centre, he combines hands-on coaching with strategic oversight.

With 15+ years as Director of a successful recruitment firm and prior leadership in engineering and construction Recruitment, Martin also brings deep operational expertise across IT, HR, and finance. A qualified LTA Padel Coach and lifelong racket sports enthusiast, he's also chaired Sevenoaks Badminton Club for over 15 years.

General manager at Tonbridge Golf Centre for over 5 years; Harry oversees the successful addition of padel tennis to the business and has assisted to build a large community on site with coaching, social and competitive offerings. Tonbridge Golf Centre also boasts a driving range, footgolf course and cafe. Harry is a keen sportsman, regularly playing golf, football, cricket and padel tennis, and is a Padel Tennis Coach.

**James Jones, Operations Director**

(Tonbridge, Kent)

PGA Golf Professional for the past 30 years as a player and coach. Acquired the lease of Swanmead Golf Driving Range in 2001, completed a total refurbishment in 2006 creating Tonbridge Golf Centre. Since then adding multiple revenue streams and activities including Mr Mulligans Dino Golf, American Golf retail, InRange entertainment systems, Padel Tennis, Footgolf and a successful F&B offering. Thus making Tonbridge Golf Centre a unique entertainment destination. Other partnerships included Tunbridge Wells Footgolf and Global Ranges Ltd. Current directorships include Platform 26 Padel Ltd which is a new padel centre and London Golf and Padel Group Ltd a fresh enterprising group that specialises in bringing entertainment projects from conception to completion.





## **Terry Smallman, Director** *(Offham, Kent)*

*Plus owner of Hawley Garden Centre*

Terry is the founder and owner of Castacrete Ltd, and has over 60 years experience in business, having built Castacrete up from scratch to the successful company it is today. One of Terry's more recent acquisitions is Hawley Garden Centre in Dartford which will soon be home to its own Pulse Padel branch. In his youth Terry was an active badminton and squash player, and is a keen swimmer.

## **Nick Maw, Director,** *(Kings Hill, Kent)*

*Plus Director of Hawley Garden Centre*

Nick began his career in the design engineering industry, specialising in automotive and aviation sectors, he later transitioned into commercial and leadership roles. Over the past eight years, Nick has been immersed in the concrete manufacturing and importing industry, supplying high-quality natural stones and porcelains to the UK market. Outside of work, Nick has a long-standing passion for football and motorsport. Having played club football from the age of five, he now enjoys spending his free time on the golf course.



## **David Knox, Director**

*(Otford, Kent)*

After a long and successful career in the city culminating with a senior position within J.P. Morgan Cazenove, he has gone on to build other businesses including an independent economic research consultancy and an impact innovation venture capital firm. David pursues other interests and has other directorships including in the voluntary sector and in particular involving young people and sport. He is a Masters hockey regional coach and national level manager and still plays hockey at a high level, plus has representative honours at numerous age group levels. On top of that is also a Chair of Golf at Wildernesse Golf Club.



# John Self, Construction & Engineering Project Director

(Mereworth, Kent)

Highly successful local business owner and partner for multiple companies within Construction and Electrical Industries. Starting his career as a quantity surveyor, John has over 35 years' experience in the construction industry. John has also owned and operated 2 successful leisure clubs in the UK. John's first company was recognized as the 38<sup>th</sup> fastest growing company in the Sunday Times' Fast Tract 100' ranking in 2006.



## Stephanie Smickler, Marketing Director

(Kings Hill, Kent)

Experienced Business Development Manager with 18 years' experience organising high-profile international corporate marketing programmes and events.



## Elliott Self, General Manager

(Mereworth, Kent)

Certified Yoga Instructor with vast experience running and managing training classes, both privately and for major gyms / rackets clubs. He is well known in Kent and has a large client base and following. A rackets enthusiast and also soon to be a qualified LTA Padel Tennis Coach.



## Keira Smickler,

Social Media & Community Engagement  
(Kings Hill, Kent)

Keira is a final-year Marketing student with certified expertise in digital marketing and social media strategy. She brings a fresh, creative lens to Pulse Padel's online presence—crafting content that reflects the energy, inclusivity, and spirit of our growing community. A passionate player of padel, badminton, and table tennis, Keira understands the culture from the inside out. Her instinct for storytelling and trend-spotting helps Pulse Padel connect with players and partners in meaningful ways—whether it's through reels, match highlights, or behind-the-scenes team moments.