

Design & Access Statement

David Lloyd Southampton West End
Padel Courts

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Fig. 1 Site Location

1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared by Hadfield Cawkwell Davidson to accompany the full planning application for the provision of new Padel Courts on the site of existing tennis court at David Lloyd Southampton West End.

Application Overview

This document is to be read in conjunction with the application drawings, scheduled below:

- A-PL-001 Location Plan
- A-PL-002 Existing Site Plan
- A-PL-003 Proposed Site Plan
- A-PL-100 Padel Court Plan
- A-PL-101 Padel Social Plan



Fig. 2 Existing Tennis Courts On Proposed Site

2. Site & Surrounding Context

2.1 Location

The existing David Lloyd Leisure Club is located to the east of Southampton city centre.

2.2 Access

David Lloyd Southampton is well connected to existing infrastructure. Vehicle access is off the B3035 via the existing car park access. Bus services from Southampton centre are regular with the closest stops at an estimated 2 minute walk from the club, ensuring the leisure centre is accessible to all the local community.

2.3 Existing building and site

The existing David Lloyd leisure club sits to the north east of the site. The building’s principal frontage faces south onto a dedicated site access road. The existing outdoor tennis courts are located to the west of the building. The site is bounded by hedgerow and trees on all sides. The proposed site for the additional facilities is located immediately west of the club, in an area currently occupied by a tennis court.

2.4 Surrounding context

The club is bounded on the north east by a Holiday Inn hotel. To the north and west the club borders an industrial estate and a housing estate. The south is bounded by the Utilita Bowl site.

2.5 Existing landscaping and Ecology

The site is surrounded by perimeter landscaping on all sides including mature trees and vegetation. The existing club is screened from view from the Utilita Bowl and Holiday Inn sites by mature trees and hedgerow. The car park to the west of the site contains rows of trees and planting. The ground levels rise to the north of the site.

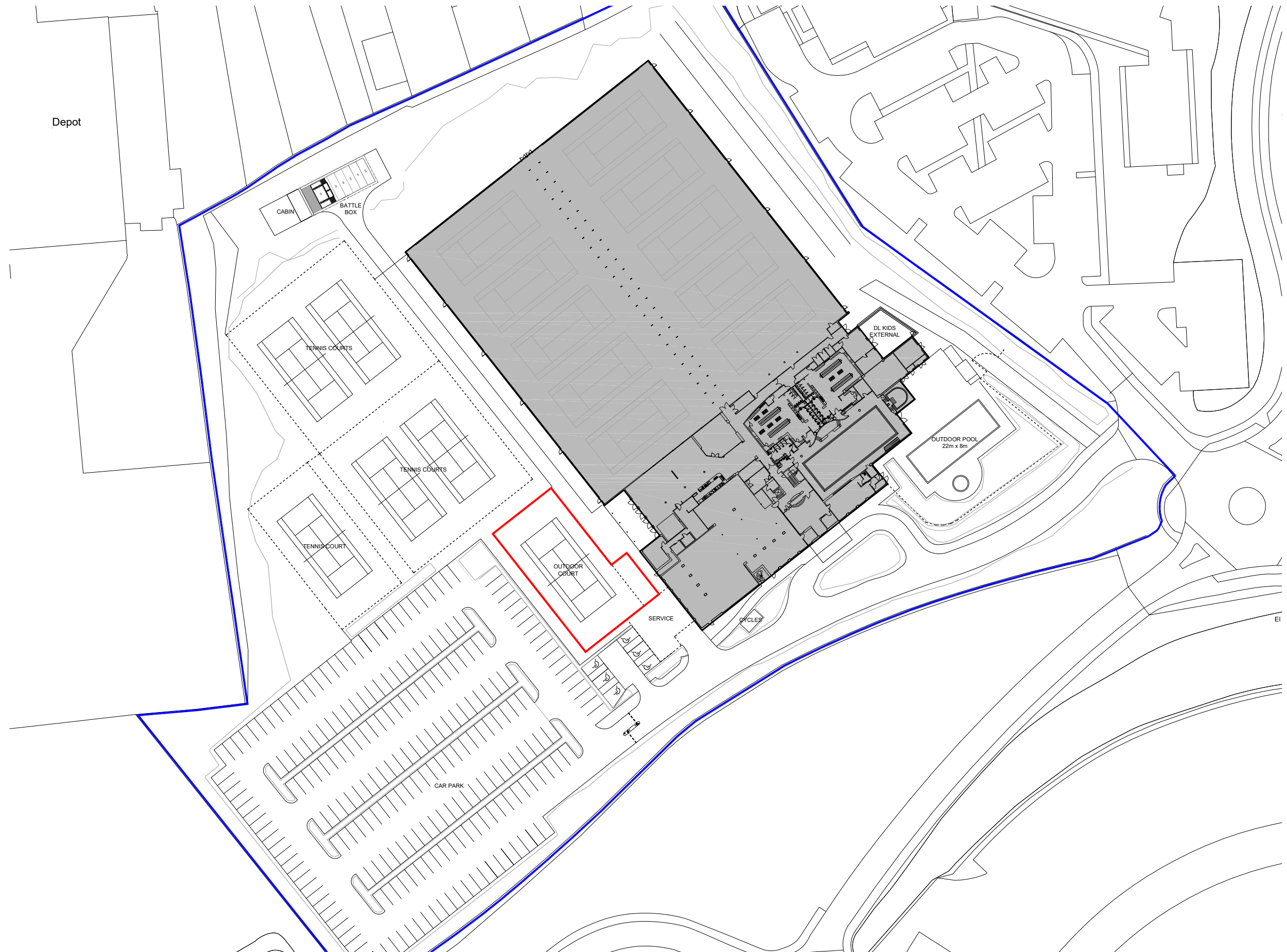


Fig. 3 Existing Site Plan



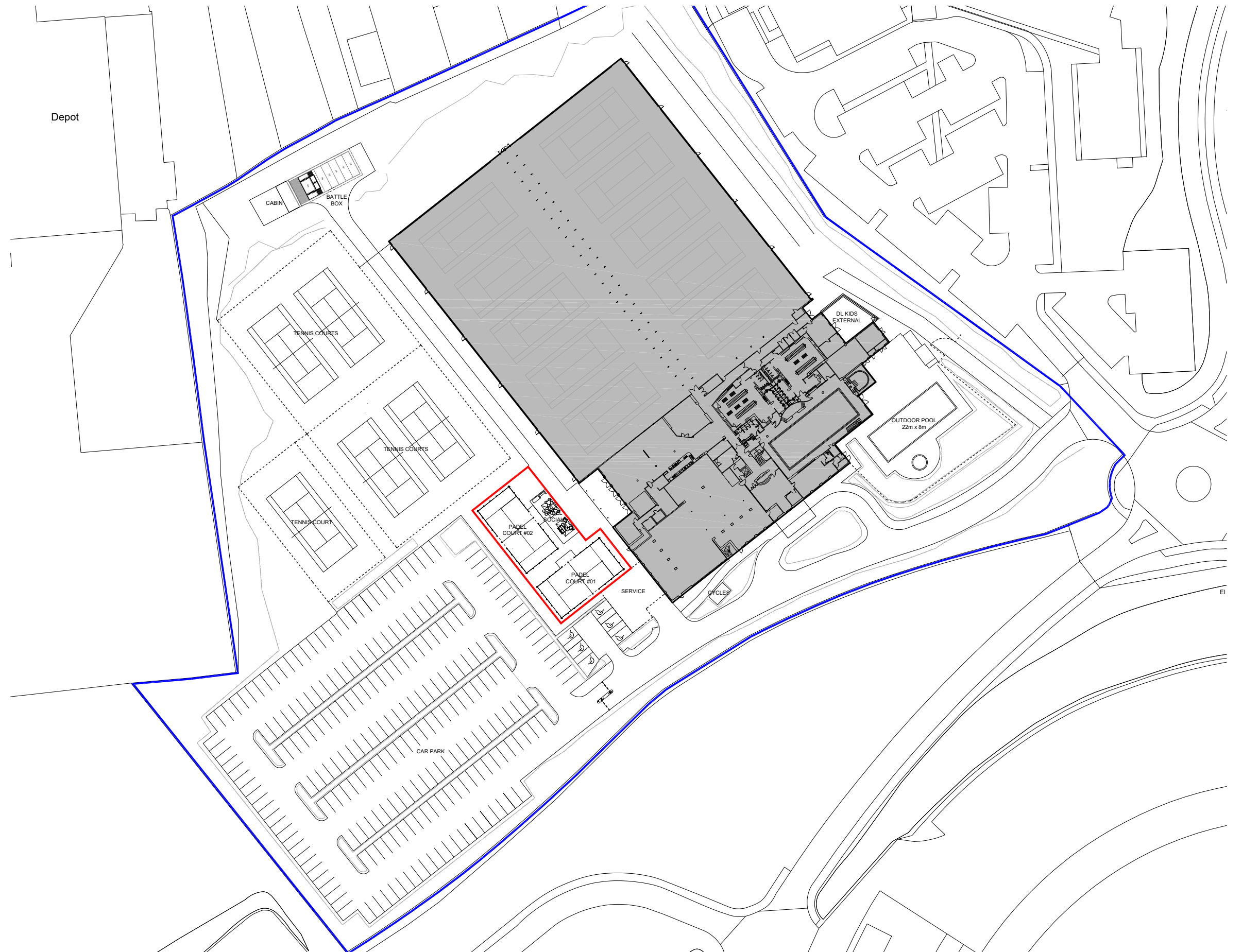


Fig. 4 Proposed Site Plan





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 -  SITE ACCESS

Fig. 5 Aerial View



Fig. 6 Padel Court Material Plan

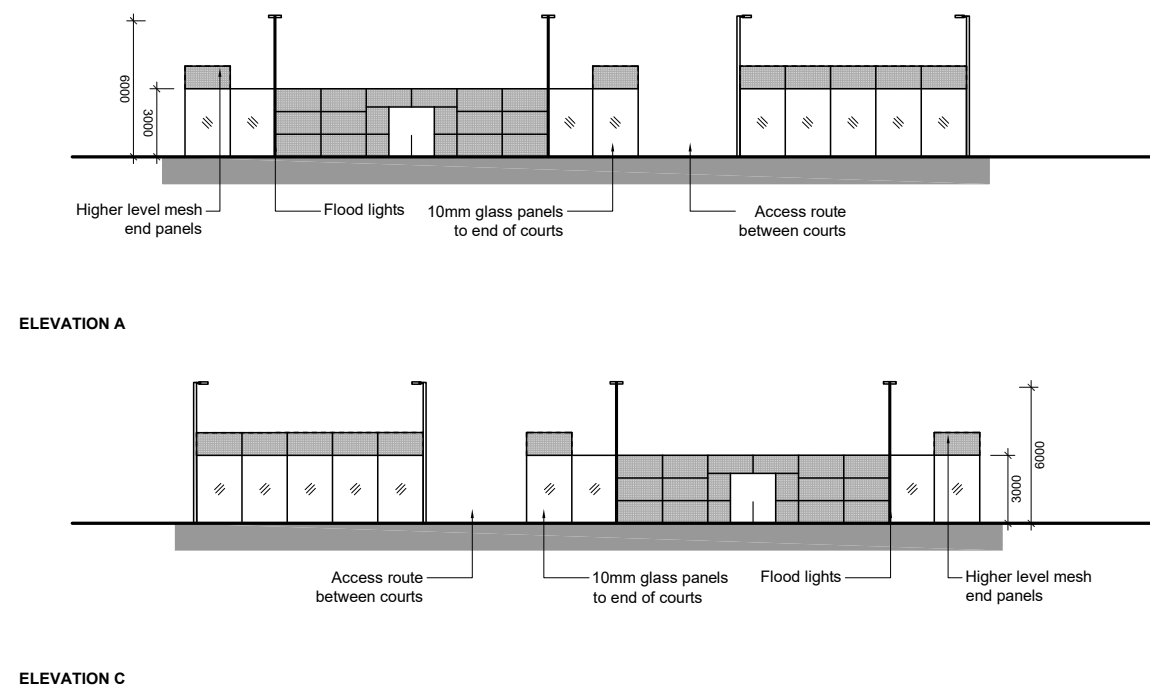


Fig. 7 Padel Court Elevations

3. Padel Courts

Padel tennis is a form of tennis that is easy to play, fun and extremely sociable. It is played mainly in a doubles format on an enclosed court about a third of the size of a tennis court and can be played in groups of mixed ages and abilities, as it is not power dominant. The rules are broadly the same as tennis, although you serve underhand and the Perspex walls are used as part of the game with the ball allowed to bounce off them.

Padel is one of the fastest growing sports across continental Europe, with over six million people currently playing in Spain alone. As of November 2020 there are around 6,000 active padel players across Britain. There are also currently 107 padel courts at 52 clubs – a number that is set to grow substantially over the coming years.

David Lloyd are at the forefront of this tennis revolution in the UK and are now proposing all of their new clubs to be provided with premium Padel facilities.



Fig. 8 Typical Padel Court 3D Render

4. Design Proposal

It is proposed to replace the existing tennis court with 2 no. padel courts.

Designed to stay true to the sport's origins, these padel courts will feature a pillars type structure, anti-injury mesh infill panels and 10mm approved glass resulting in attractive and minimalist aesthetics. The playing surface will be the latest technology in artificial grass, ensuring that these facilities will be attractive to everyone from total beginners to seasoned players.

The 4no. 240W LED projectors used to evenly light the space offer a large reduction in potential energy use when compared to traditional halide lamps, with longer life and greater eco-efficiency.

The padel courts will also be accompanied by a padel social space.



Fig. 9 Typical Padel Court Image



Fig. 10 Typical Padel Court Social Image

5. Access

5.1 Vehicular and transport links

There are no proposed changes to the site access and transport links.

5.2 Disabled Access

The David Lloyd Club has allocated disabled parking and full level access throughout with disabled changing facilities and appropriate sporting and leisure activities. Level access is to be used across the proposed works to promote free movement of all members throughout the facility.

5.3 Wayfinding

The directional and information signage adopted in the club will be supplemented with pictograms or symbols, wherever possible.

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