



# Enfield Tennis Courts

FIELD REPORT



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## Introduction

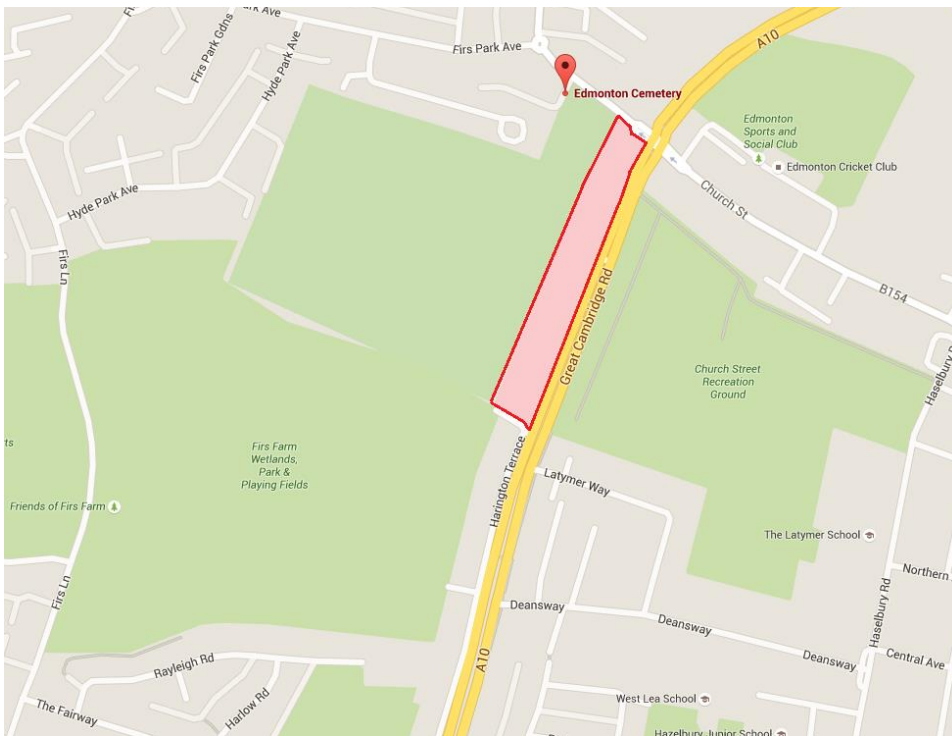
Acumen Fieldwork were commissioned by Enfield Council's, Regeneration & Environment Department to conduct an independent review on how the Enfield Tennis Courts are used prior to a proposed future development on the site.

The proposed development will see the tennis courts reduced from 14 courts to 4 to allow for the expansion of Edmonton Cemetery.

The Tennis Courts in question are located adjacent to the A10 carriageway and Edmonton Cemetery in Enfield (see outlined area on Figure 1).

What follows is an outline of the Methodology used in the field to collect the data and a summary of the data findings.

**Figure 1:** Enfield Tennis Courts Location  
(Image: Google Maps)



## Methodology

The review of the tennis courts was done by conducting an observational study with the data being recorded using pen and paper.

For ease of recording this information, a recording sheet was devised by Acumen so the information could be recorded using a tick box method.

The information to be captured was as follows:

- ✓ Date
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Location
- ✓ Length of game
- ✓ Weather conditions
- ✓ Purpose of use (if anything other than Tennis)
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Type of Tennis
- ✓ Whether it is a competitive game
- ✓ Whether it is a coached game
- ✓ Ethnicity of the players.

The court users were also asked if they would mind being contacted via email for further research purposes but this was not mandatory nor collected for anyone under the age of 16 without a parent present.

A copy of the record sheet used can be found in **Appendix 1**.

As this was an observational study only, the age, gender and ethnicity of the players was judged by the observer, the players were not asked for this information. To ensure consistency, the same observer was used on all shifts across the observational period.

Acumen sent an observer to the Tennis Courts over a 4 week period (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June) in order to record when the courts were being used and to gain a snapshot of who they were being used by and for what purpose.

The division of the shift pattern was left entirely up to Acumen in order for Enfield Council to remain independent of the study.

In order to capture a representative snap shot of the usage of the courts it was decided that the shifts should cover daytime and evenings so two shift timeslots were devised; 09:00am – 03:00pm and 03:00pm – 09:00pm.

Acumen allocated the shifts randomly across the four weeks ensuring a spread of days visited by allocating two visits for each day of the week (so there were 2 visits conducted on a Monday, 2 on a Tuesday etc.).

Acumen also visited the site during half term week (w/c 30<sup>th</sup> May) as this presented a good opportunity to collect some data on how the courts are used on non standard days (e.g. School holidays).

A copy of the schedule of when observers were present at the courts can be found in **Appendix 2**.

For any time periods that the courts were not in use, the observer was instructed to record the date, time and weather conditions hourly so that usage can be fully tracked for the times the courts were being observed.

## Findings

Across the entire 4 week period, 18 games of tennis were observed being played.

A total of 84 hours were spent observing the courts and of this 29.25 hours of tennis was observed.

There was one incidence of the courts being used for something other than tennis, this was a member of the public who spent 1 hour walking his dog.

The observations also took place under a variety of weather conditions. It was noted that no tennis games were played when it was raining.

It was never observed that there were more than 3 games being played at any one time.

The presence of the observer did catch the interest of some of those using the courts. Some feedback from the observer is that most of those using the courts liked them and were pleased with their current condition.

## APPENDIX 1 – RECORDING SHEET

LOCATION		DATE		COURT No.	
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MATCH No.				
WEATHER	SUNNY	CLOUDY	RAIN (LIGHT)	RAIN (HEAVY)
TEMPERATURE (°C)	18°<	19°-24°	>25°	
WIND	NONE	LIGHT	MED.	HEAVY

TIME STARTED	:
TIME FINISHED	:
TIME PLAYED (HRS & MINS)	

*If Playing before shift has started please record "Already Started"*

*If Playing after shift has finished please record "Still Playing"*

	AGE							GENDER		TYPE OF TENNIS		COMPETITIVE?		COACHED?		ETHNICITY					EMAIL			
	<16	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	>75	FEMALE	MALE	SINGLES	DOUBLES	COMPETITIVE	NONE COMPETITIVE	DIFFICULT TO TELL	YES	NO	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN (SUB- CONT)		ASIAN (EAST)	ARABIC/ MIDDLE EAST	MIXED RACE
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## APPENDIX 2 – OBSERVER SCHEDULE

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May
Week 1		9am – 3pm	9am – 3pm	9am – 3pm	9am – 3pm		
	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Week 2 w/c 16 <sup>th</sup>		3pm – 9pm		3pm – 9pm	3pm – 9pm	9am – 3pm	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> May
Week 3 w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am – 3pm					9am – 3pm	9am – 3pm
	30 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> June
Week 4 (Half Term) w/c 30 <sup>th</sup>	3pm – 9pm		3pm – 9pm				3pm – 9pm