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NEW COURTS WITH FLOOD LIGHTS INCOMING

CONTEXT

The Access to Sports Project has been managing the Finsbury Park courts for over 7 years. In that time, we have set up free and low cost coaching programmes for young people and adults, more than 500 young people take part in free of charge tennis coaching activities every year. Additionally, we have also implemented a fair booking system for court bookings.

Implementing a low cost booking system has ensured fair usage of the courts especially at peak times. It has also created a financially sustainable model demonstrating to funders that any investment could be sustained. At the same time, generated revenue is reinvested in free and low cost community tennis.

As a result, we have successfully secured funding to complete phase 1 of our plans to develop the facilities. Phase 1 will see us renovate all of the existing courts making much needed repairs. With the courts resurfaced and flood lights installed we will be able to provide the local playing community with high quality facilities and increase court availability by over 3000 hours every year.

Join our mailing list to be kept up to date on the development of the courts and learn about our new coaching programme that will launch when we reopen.

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FAQS

When will the works begin and for how long?

The works are scheduled to begin 9th September 2019 and are estimated to last for 8 - 10 weeks. The courts are scheduled to reopen early November. An exact open date is not yet known but will be communicated as soon as we do. During the building works there will be no on-court coaching at the tennis courts and no court bookings.

What works are being carried out?

All of the courts will be resurfaced and painted with flood lights added to 6 of the courts. The 2 mini courts will be turned into 1 full sized adult court, 4 mini court lines will be painted onto court 1 with mini nets provided. The courts will be layered with macadam (hard court).

The 2 courts closest to the adjacent rail line will not have flood lights to support conservation of the bat population. A key pad entrance door will be installed.

How is this being funded?

The works are being paid for with a mixture of grants and loans. The majority of the money has been granted to us by London Marathon Charitable Trust, the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) individual donations and Haringey Council. The Access to Sports Project has also used some of its own cash reserves.



3000

Extra playing hours

6

Flood lit courts

7AM - 9PM

All year booking times

192

Extra coaching sessions a year

Why is an access gate being added?

The courts are a community facility, open to all; however we do ask that everyone books using our easy to use online booking system before playing. This is honoured by the majority of our users but we do encounter users who continue not to book courts.

Additionally, the courts have been the subject of ongoing vandalism including persistent littering, arson to the on court bins, graffiti, dog fowling, drug paraphernalia, broken glass and damaged nets. An access door will help significantly reduce the number of people misusing the courts, ensuring a fair use system and longer lasting facilities. In addition to improving safety and security it will also enable us to better manage the courts and measure our charitable impact.

What will be the cost to book a court after the works have completed?

There are no current plans to increase court booking costs although this may be reviewed at a later date. An additional charge for flood lights (TBD) will be added to all bookings that require use of the flood lights.

Will there be any free court availability?

Yes. Courts will be made available for free at weekend peak times and after school hour for families with young children and teenagers aged 16 and under. We will also introduce free of charge periods during which people will be able to book and play for free. People will be required to book in advance. Bookings will work on a first come first served basis.

What are the future development plans for Finsbury Park Tennis?

Phase 2 involves building a club house adjacent to the courts. We continue to fundraise and develop plans for phase 2. The club house will be our first point of contact for members of the community interested in taking part and wanting more information. It will also serve as a teaching space as well as provide a social space, toilets, office space, equipment storage, food and drink for players.

How can I find out more about the Tennis For All project and how can I make a donation?

Please visit our dedicated website www.tennisforall.org.uk to learn more about what the project does. We happily receive donations from the public. If you would like to support us please visit our Virgin giving page:

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