



Noise Management Plan

This document has been created by the club's committee as per the request of Rochdale Borough Council in their email of the 1st of May 2025. Specifically, it has been drawn up at the request of the Environmental Protection Officer to assist with the planning application for floodlights to be erected on courts 3 and 4 (ref 24/00407/FUL).

Number of People

The demand for the floodlights on the courts 3 and 4 is currently an unknown and difficult to predict, but demand for courts generally drops during the winter months due to a combination of:

- Inclement weather.
- The suitability of the playing surface in particularly wet and icy conditions.
- Certain members only tending to play during the summer months.
- Other members replacing outdoor play with indoor play, having additional memberships at the local health club which offers indoor tennis.

However, we do want to offer the opportunity for more members to play tennis in the winter months, helping them to keep fit and active, which is positive for both people's physical and mental health, hence our application.

When in use, the number of people playing on courts 3 and 4 at any given time could vary from a minimum two (one court being used for singles play) to maximum eight (two courts being used for double plays).

If useful, Appendix A shows court bookings on courts 1 and 2 between the 01/10/24 to 31/03/25.

Noise Levels

Regardless of the number of people playing, we expect noise levels to be minimal, limited to noise of playing the sport, tennis not a particularly noisy sport to play. According to the website 'The Skilled Pickleball' when comparing the noise of Pickleball to Tennis play states the following:

Sport	Decibel Level	Common Sounds
Tennis	Around 45 dB	Quiet Office (40-50 dB)

Source: www.theskilledpickle.com

We understand the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) advise that any courts in operation (i.e. people playing on them) would be compliant, falling below the 50dB LAeqt at the nearest noise sensitive receptors i.e. in our case the houses backing onto to the courts from Kingsway.

We cannot recollect ever having received a complaint for excess noise from one of our neighbours due to members playing tennis. This includes the summer months where court use is at its peak and residents are sat in the adjoining gardens or have their windows and patio doors open etc.

Given the above we would suggest the prospect of receiving such a complaint in the winter months, when people are sat in their houses with their window, doors and patios locked, to be more unlikely.

Handling of Complaints

Should a complaint of this nature ever be received, it would be dealt with by the club's committee. Dependent on the circumstances/details of that complaint, the committee could take one or more of the following actions:

- Send a blanket message to all our members reminding them to be courteous and considerate to the club's neighbours by keeping noise levels to minimum when playing. Such a message would be sent via email and our members WhatsApp group. Both the email distribution list and WhatsApp group are kept regularly up to date with the current membership.
- In certain situations, i.e. where appropriate and the person complaining can provide sufficient details, identify the members playing at a specific time via our court booking system and address the issue with those members directly.
- In the unlikely event of a reoccurring problem with a specific member or group of members the club committee have the power to withdraw someone's membership and ban them from the premises.

Court Bookings

As already stated, the club has court booking system. Members are asked to book courts through our website or accompanying booking app, which gives us sight of who is playing when and on which court. Should we ever receive a complaint about excessive noise, the court booking system would help identify any individuals involved.

Access to the Club

Access to the club grounds is restricted to members only, the club left locked and secured when not in use. The gates to the club (the single-entry point into the club grounds) is secured by a padlock lock that requires a code to unlock it, which is only shared with members. The code is regularly changed to ensure only the current membership have access.

The club also have limited CCTV which allows us to see who enters and leaves the club grounds by the main gates at any given time. This, along with our booking system, can also help us identify specific members should the need arise.

Point of Contact for Residents

Our contact details can be found on our website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/alkringtontennissocialclub>

Our contact page also includes a phone number as well as a contact email address. All contact via the website is managed by our Club Secretary who's personal mobile number is the one shown.

The Club Secretary would be pass on any relevant queries or complaints to the committee for consideration by the wider group.

In addition many of our members are Alkrington residents who are invariably known to our neighbours so they will often pass on contact details verbally if required.

We are also more than happy for our contact details to be shared with any residents who have contacted Rochdale Borough Council with concerns.



Scott Russum

Club Chairman on behalf of the Club Committee.



Dated 07th July 2025

The number of 30 Minute Court Bookings on Courts 1 & 2 Between 01/10/24 – 31/03/25

Time	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30	20:00	20:30	21:00	21:30
No.	76	113	89	79	109	90	70	37