



**DELEGATION MEETING
2nd September 2025**

**11:00 – 12:30
Teams Meeting**

Minutes

Delegation Panel meeting - Minutes

- **Date: 2 Sept 25**
- **Time: 11:00 – 12:30**
- **Meeting held: via Teams**

Attendees: Martin Smart (Chair of Planning Committee), Toby Williams (Delivery Manager), Amy Stocks (case officers), Cllr Clough, Cllr Glasberg.

Apologies: -

Minutes approved by date: 05 September 25

1	25/02147/FUL – Cambridge Rugby Union Club, Granchester Road, Newnham Construction of 5no floodlit padel tennis courts with canopy, club hut and landscaping Reason for Inclusion: Number of objections – officer led Cllr Jean Glasberg – meets four of the five criteria for call-in Cllr Hugh Clough – as above, including current compliance issues, track record and national picture. Discussion The case officer presented the application. 28 comments in objection, over lots of different issues including: green belt, amenity, public open space, flood risk, operating hours. 41 comments in support: on need for courts, community benefit, health and well-being. The plans for the application were shared. Proposal is for 5 floodlit courts, three of which would be covered + other development and club hut. Structures extending into the site rather than around the perimeter. Cllr Glasberg summarised her four categories for call-in and covered matters such as incremental encroachment, green belt vs grey belt, protected open space, need, very special circumstances, character and scale, extent of public interest, track record, neighbourhood plan, local plan and NPPF policy issues, GB openness issues, impacts on views and the long planning history. Nature, scale and complexity were not reasons for the call-in. Cllr Clough raised an issue of over the nature of paddle court noise, need for a noise assessment and there being national issues with paddle courts and noise complaints, with noise issues by the sport not fully understood. Cllr Clough declared a personal interest because he lived nearby.	AS
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	In discussion, the Development Manager Toby Williams and Cllr Smart agreed that there was good reason to call-in the application to Committee for the reasons given. There was a further discussion concerning on-going compliance issues associated with the club and their relevance in decision making. Overall, the application does give rise significant issues of material consideration, policy implementation / interpretation, nature of amenity impact and planning history to merit Planning Committee consideration. Consequently, in consultation with the Chair of the Planning Committee, the Delivery Manager considered the proposal should be referred to the planning committee. Decision: Refer to Planning Committee	
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