

DLL Hampton - Reasonable Exception Statement

According to Policy D12(A) of the London Plan (2021), all development proposals must achieve the highest standards of fire safety and ensure that they identify suitably positioned unobstructed outdoor space for fire appliances and evacuation assembly points; incorporate appropriate fire safety features; minimise the risk of fire spread; provide suitable and convenient means of escape including a robust strategy for evacuation; and suitable access and equipment for firefighting. A Fire Statement or Reasonable Exception Statement (RES) should be provided for proposals.

The proposed development is for the “conversion of existing tennis courts to padel courts with associated lighting and canopies and removal of existing tennis floodlighting and fencing” at David Lloyd Hampton, Staines Road, Twickenham, TW2 5JD.

The proposals relate to minor development which would mainly comprise the conversion of the 3no. existing external tennis courts to 6no. external padel courts, 3 of these having a canopy. The proposals do not comprise any new built form or floorspace or alterations to existing floorspace and Policy D12 is therefore not considered to be relevant. Furthermore, the proposals do not impact any existing fire safety measures at the leisure club or necessitate any changes to this, and a Fire Statement or any other details are therefore not required to be submitted.