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I am a supporter of local sports and highly recommend it for all ages but the proposed installation of pickleball courts will be highly distressing to myself and the local neighbours.

Pickleball is a heck of a lot louder than tennis due to its use of plastic balls and plastic bats. I have looked into the recent studies both in the US and UK on the sound effect it has on local neighbours and all documented reports and media articles have shown that it has caused a high amount of mental distress and discomfort from the constant loud pop-popping sound with a single court omitting 85db+ plus participant yelling and cheering on top, now times that by 6 courts!!! It will be like pingpong on megaphone x 6. Would you want to live with that constantly 8am-9.30pm?

Absolutely not and I should not have this distressing constant sound forced on us causing a large amount of mental distress and discomfort in my home. I should be able to enjoy my personal space in our home and this installation will remove that. No sound proofing will ease this unless they completely enclose the carpark and convert it into an indoor facility.

The multiple reports in the US, Europe and USA also highlighted the various legal actions neighbours have taken with the court owners and municipality to close the courts down.

Where the RSL carpark currently sits environmentally will further heighten and increase the noise reach especially in the evenings as currently all noise is largely amplified as it bounces off the surrounding hills and with the road traffic less of an evening so it will be louder than what's anticipated. This will only further amplify the constant distressing sounds of the whacking of paddles.

[REDACTED] I am able to clearly hear the whistles and human noise (some nights full offensive language conversations) from the futsal courts down the hill until 10pm, like as recent as Monday night as a prime example. The human shouting and ref whistles from the futsal courts is irritating but tolerable as at least its sporadic not like the constant loud whacking and popping sound the pickleball courts will cause. I am deeply concerned for the mental health of my family if this was approved, and my home environment will be unliveable which we should be able to enjoy without distress.

Whilst I'm all for sporting activities, this proposed development will be a huge disservice to the mental health, home liveability and property values of its surrounding neighbours. Please do not approve this!!!

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