



Temporary Padel Facility, Wood Wharf

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Introduction

CWG is bringing forward proposals for a new temporary padel facility at Wood Wharf in partnership with an established padel operator to introduce a new sports and leisure use alongside Blackwall Basin.

The proposals form part of CWG's wider ambition to create a diverse, active and vibrant mixed-use neighbourhood, offering more opportunities for people to live, work, visit, socialise and spend time in the area.

The facility would provide a high-quality, accessible sports and leisure facility as a meanwhile use for approximately seven years, supporting the continued activation and evolution of Wood Wharf as the wider development progresses.

The scheme includes six indoor padel courts, one covered external court, a two-storey clubhouse, new landscaping and public realm, and improvements to the waterfront.



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A diverse and evolving neighbourhood

Wood Wharf is continuing to develop as a new mixed-use neighbourhood, bringing together homes, workplaces, shops, restaurants, leisure, cultural uses and new public spaces.

As the neighbourhood evolves, there is an opportunity to introduce a more diverse range of activities and experiences that encourage people to visit, meet, be active and spend time in the area throughout the day and into the evening. Sport and leisure can play an important role in this, complementing the existing offer and supporting a lively and inclusive neighbourhood.

The proposed padel facility would contribute to this ambition by introducing a new recreational use and creating activity around the northern edge of Wood Wharf and Blackwall Basin.



The site

The proposed facility is located on Plots C1 and F1, on the northern edge of Wood Wharf. The site is currently vacant and hoarded, and is being used as construction logistics land serving adjoining phases of the development. The site is neighboured by The Troubadour Theatre to the west and 13 Brannan Street to the east.



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About Padel

Padel is a fast-growing racket sport that combines elements of tennis and squash. It is generally played in doubles on an enclosed court, with the walls forming part of the playing area.

The sport is relatively easy to pick up, making it suitable for people with a wide range of ages and abilities. Its social and inclusive nature also makes it well suited to a mixed-use neighbourhood such as Wood Wharf.

The facility at Canary Wharf would be operated by a specialist padel operator. Alongside court hire and organised play, the facility would also host padel related events.



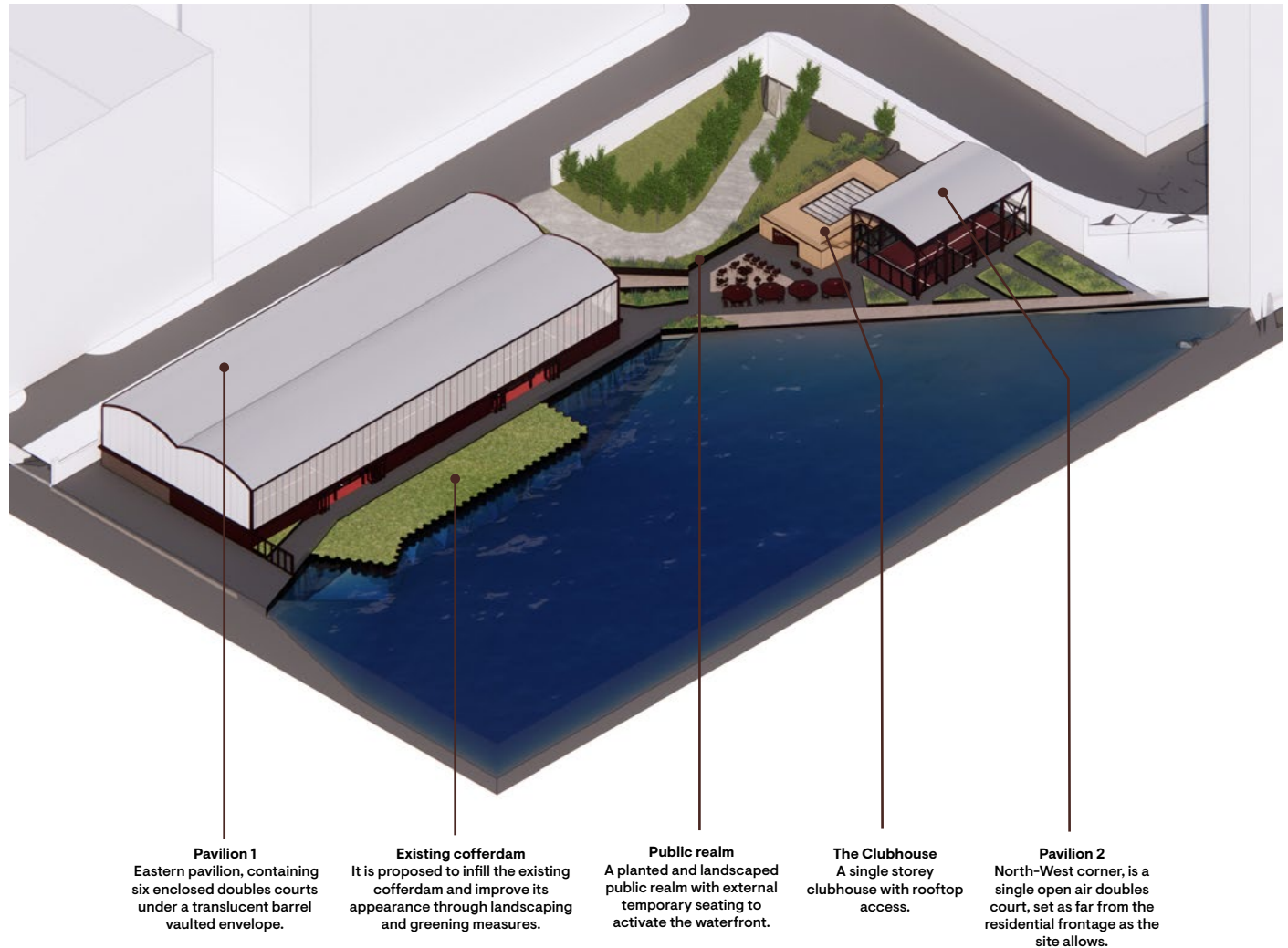
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The Proposals

The scheme brings together indoor and outdoor padel courts, a clubhouse and new public realm and landscaping. The buildings are arranged as a series of complementary pavilions positioned along the waterfront.

The proposals include:

- Six indoor padel courts contained within a double barrel-vault structure.
- One covered external padel court within complementary barrel-vault structures.
- A two-storey clubhouse of approximately 500m², including changing facilities and spaces supporting the operation of the facility.
- Reception and arrival space, providing access to the courts and clubhouse from Brannan Street.
- External seating and social spaces, creating opportunities to sit, meet and watch activity around the courts.
- Low-level planting with integrated seating, helping to soften the buildings and create a more welcoming landscape.



Pavilion 1
Eastern pavilion, containing six enclosed doubles courts under a translucent barrel vaulted envelope.

Existing cofferdam
It is proposed to infill the existing cofferdam and improve its appearance through landscaping and greening measures.

Public realm
A planted and landscaped public realm with external temporary seating to activate the waterfront.

The Clubhouse
A single storey clubhouse with rooftop access.

Pavilion 2
North-West corner, is a single open air doubles court, set as far from the residential frontage as the site allows.

Overview of Proposed Development (birds-eye view from north-east)

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Pavilion 1

Pavilion 1 would accommodate six indoor padel courts within a distinctive double barrel-vault structure of approximately 1,800m².

The courts are inset within the building envelope, providing an additional layer of enclosure to help contain noise generated during play and minimise sound transmission beyond the facility.

The building is designed to provide a generous, light-filled environment for sport while keeping its overall form relatively low in response to the waterfront setting.

Careful consideration is being given to the lighting to the courts, which will be specified to minimise light spill and glare for neighbours.



View of Pavilion 1 from across the bay



View of the interior of Pavilion 1

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The Clubhouse

The clubhouse will be the main arrival point for the facility. The one-storey building will accommodate changing facilities and the spaces required to support the operation of the padel courts.

The clubhouse would provide the operational and social heart of the facility and would house a small servery offering coffee and light refreshments. From the clubhouse, users would have access to an outdoor seating area extending towards the waterfront, creating a place to relax, socialise and enjoy views across Blackwall Basin.

The clubhouse will provide internal events and bookable space around a courtyard void.



Illustration showing the arrival to Pavilion 2 Clubhouse

Landscape and public realm

The proposals include new landscaping around the courts and clubhouse, creating a greener and more welcoming setting for the facility. Low-level planting will be used to soften the buildings and define spaces around the site, with integrated seating providing places to pause, meet and watch activity.

Along the waterfront, new decking, planting and external seating will create an attractive setting overlooking Blackwall Basin.



Club House floor plan (ground)



Club House roof plan

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Pavilion 2

Pavilion 2 would provide one external padel court beneath complementary barrel-vaulted canopies so that they are covered from the weather as well as being enclosed at the sides at court level.

This pavilion has been positioned in the north-west corner, away from residential neighbours. The location of the clubhouse provides a barrier from any potential noise from the outdoor court.

All buildings are designed to be easily disassembled so that the structures can be repurposed after use.

Illustration of Pavilion 2 External Court next to the Clubhouse



Resident Benefits

The padel operator would aim to create benefits for the local community alongside the operation of the facility. This could include opportunities for residents to access the venue, take part in community activities and events, and connect with local businesses and wellbeing providers. This could include:

- **Resident membership:** priority court booking for local residents.
- **Residents' tournaments:** weekly tournaments with local residents given first access to bookings.
- **Monday Morning Offers:** 90 minutes of free padel on the outdoor court, plus complimentary coffee for local residents every Monday morning.

Partnering with Local Businesses

The facility also has the potential to create opportunities to work with businesses and organisations across Canary Wharf, helping to connect the venue with the wider local offer.

The padel operator will seek to work with local food operators to provide catering for events, rather than operating a permanent kitchen. It will also explore partnerships with other local wellness providers, including opportunities for membership exchanges and joint activities that combine padel with activities such as pilates, personal training and recovery.

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Access, Servicing and Operations

The primary entrance to the clubhouse and padel courts would be from Brannan Street, providing a clear and accessible arrival point for players and visitors.

The site is highly accessible and no car parking is proposed, however cycle parking will be provided for visitors and staff.

Servicing arrangements would support the day-to-day operation of the clubhouse and courts, with a low volume of servicing vehicles anticipated.

The waterfront edge would remain clear, with seating, decking and low-level planting alongside the buildings creating an attractive setting for the facility.



1. Ramped pedestrian and servicing access to the clubhouse and courts from Brannan Street
2. Ramped access to Wood Wharf basement level for construction and servicing vehicles

Plan showing access arrangements

Operations

The facility would operate as a managed padel and leisure venue, with staffing in place to support the day-to-day running of the courts and clubhouse. The proposed operation would include a membership and booking model, allowing users to access the courts for organised and casual play.

The facility is proposed to operate daily, with indicative operational hours of 06:00 to 24:00. Final operating hours, staffing and membership arrangements would be established as part of the planning application.

Acoustic Management

The design and management of the facility will prioritise minimising noise impacts on the surrounding area, particularly for nearby residents, businesses and users of the waterfront, with all buildings designed in response to an acoustic assessment.

Six courts will be fully enclosed indoors, helping to contain sound from play. As well as being positioned away from residential neighbours, and behind the clubhouse building, the external court will be covered and enclosed at the sides to provide additional acoustic containment.

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Consultation and Next Steps

We are committed to working with the local community and potential users of the new building to develop our plans and want to involve as many people as possible.

It is important to us that Canary Wharf provides benefits for people living and working in the surrounding communities and that our future developments contribute positively to the area.

AUTUMN 2026

PLANNING APPLICATION

Submission of a planning application for the consideration by Tower Hamlets Council.

EARLY 2027

CONSTRUCTION STARTS

Subject to planning permission, construction works would start in Q1 2027.

SUMMER 2027

EARLIEST COMPLETION DATE

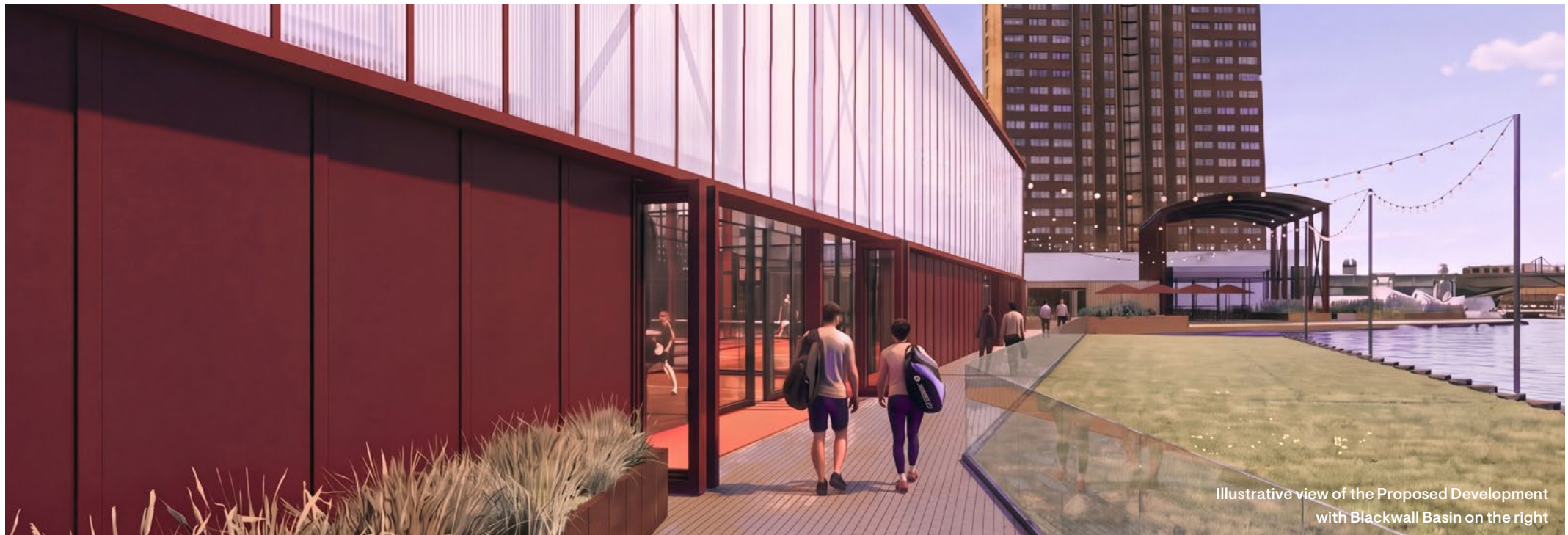
Earliest date that the facility would open for use.

Let us know your thoughts

Our consultation period on the proposals for the Temporary Padel Facility is open until **30th September 2026**.

Click the link below to go straight to our online feedback survey.

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Illustrative view of the Proposed Development
with Blackwall Basin on the right