

What is a MUGA?

A Multi Use Games Area is a flexible outdoor sports facility designed for multiple activities. Hugely versatile, they are marked with multiple colour coded lines and have features like integrated hoops and recessed goals

Which Sports?

Football

Basketball

Tennis

Netball

Pickleball

Lacrosse.....



Potential benefits for Ide Hill

- Encourages community connection
- Supports health and wellbeing across all ages
- Provides a safe local activity space
- Creates more opportunities for young people
- Supports local groups and community events
- Provides an opportunity to develop local grass root sports
- Offers greater sporting opportunities to local schools in the Parish

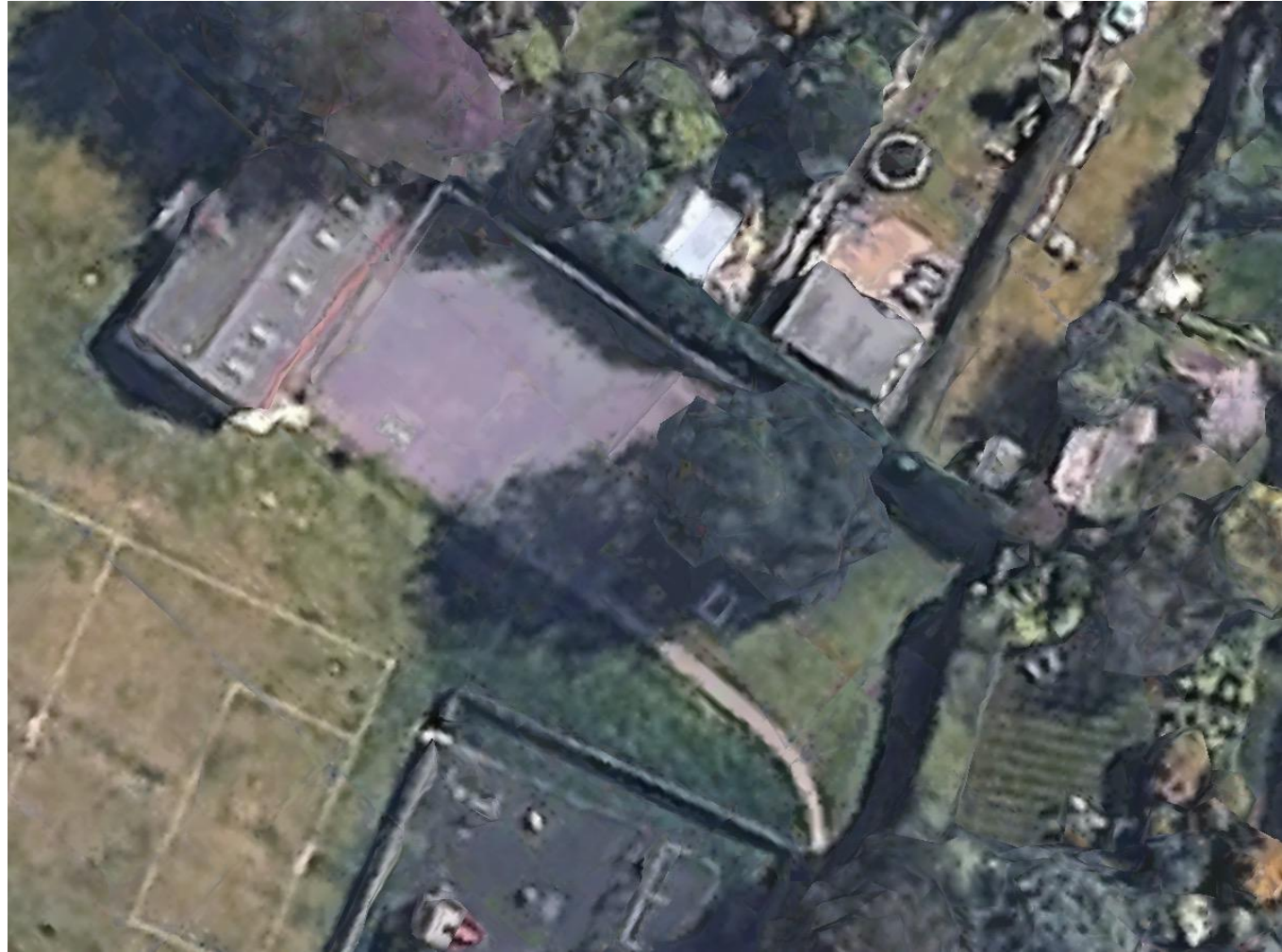
The true value of a MUGA is that it becomes a shared space that belongs to everyone.

Current Small Netball Court



Where should we put it?

- This is the beginning of the discussion but our initial thoughts are here.
- Extend the existing small netball area to the side of the park
- The existing drainage and tarmac could be used as a base and this would help reduce cost and construction times



Extend width
ways by 2.07m

EXISTING AREA
15m Wide
x
21m long

extend Length
13.75m

TOTAL COURT NEW SIZE WILL BE 34.75M X 17.07M

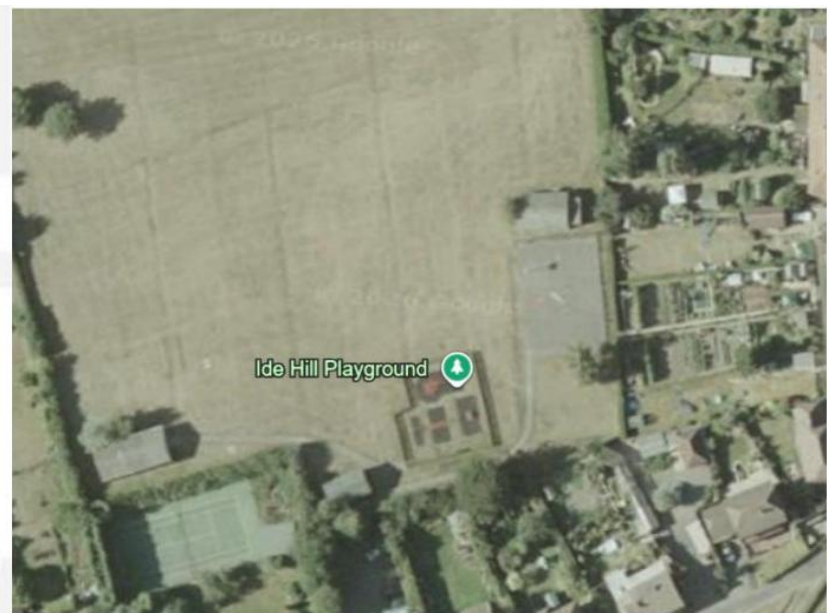
A history lesson.....

Historical imagery from 1960 strongly suggests that this was once a tennis court, the dimensions correspond closely to that of a full size tennis court 36m*18m



Historic aerial imagery clearly shows a defined rectangular playing area in this location, and the dimensions correspond closely with those of a full-size tennis court 36m x 18m

A history lesson.....



The December 1990 aerial photograph indicates that the original court had already been grassed over by that time. The current multi-use area was installed **sometime between 1990 and 2003** (there is no inbetween time line on google earth) , replacing the former court footprint.

Although no formal archival records have been found confirming the presence of a tennis court, the combination of **historic imagery, on-site physical evidence** (brick edgings, compacted stone base, tarmac fragments), and **consistent measurements** strongly supports the conclusion that a full-size court previously occupied this area.

Design and Usage Considerations

Size and layout

Recessed goals

Playing surface

Fencing and safety features

Lighting options

Seating and accessibility

Landscaping and appearance

Hours of Use

How could it be booked

How would it be secured

How Much Will it cost

Quotations depend on fencing options and surface designs which are dictated by which sports we want to focus on.

Two initial quotations have come in between £65k-100k

Ongoing maintenance fees are estimated to be approximately £1000 per annum which could be recouped from hiring fees.

Repainting of lines depends on conditions and use but is usually required every 5 years on average for approximately £2000

Funding options

Possible approaches:

- Parish Council contribution – initial 30K proposed seed funding
- Grants – Sports England (Movement fund offers grants up to £15k), Netball Association, Football Association, Basketball England
- Community fundraising
- Sponsorship from local companies could be considered
- Sevenoaks District Council Community Infrastructure Levy Funding (CIL) – applications from easter 2027

Ideally a small committee could be formed with people knowledgeable in the area of grant applications to really push this forward.

Location & practical considerations

Important considerations:

- Access with lorries would be needed via Camberwell Lane for a small time period
- The actual construction could be expected to take around 4 weeks and would need to be completed in late spring, or summer.
- Further “curing” times of another 4 weeks before the surface would be ready
- Depending on the surface chosen, tarmac could be laid for up to three years and then astro added later
- Future maintenance would need to be kept on top of to keep the area in good repair

Community discussion – 15 minutes

We would like your views:

- Is this something Ide Hill needs?
- Which activities do people want?
- What concerns should we address?
- What would make this successful?

We can discuss this now, but also at the end of the evening there will be time to come and discuss and also write your comments on the info boards.