

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The climate crisis, resource scarcity and changes to the natural environment are global challenges but will have an impact on tennis in Great Britain at all levels. Whether it be the impact of more extreme temperatures on participation and competition, or rising sea levels and severe weather meaning a higher proportion of tennis venues are at risk of regular flooding, it is critical that we play our part in tackling these issues.

We know that these impacts will not be distributed equally across society, and will particularly fall on those diverse and underserved communities where tennis is less well established. It is therefore critical to delivery of the LTA Tennis Foundation's vision of "tennis opened up" and mission to transform lives through tennis, that we play our part in protecting and supporting the environment.

Whilst as a grant and loan making charity, the LTA Tennis Foundation has a limited footprint itself, we are focusing on embedding sustainability across our charity operations and funding streams to ensure we have a positive impact through the brilliant people and organisations that we partner with.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Backing the LTA's Environmental Sustainability Ambition

- The LTA Tennis Foundation Board of Trustees has formally endorsed the LTA's [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#), which aims to secure a lasting future for tennis in Great Britain through positive climate action and leadership in sustainability.

Managing our Investments

- The LTA Tennis Foundation Board of Trustees have approved an Investment Policy Statement, which sets specific requirements for the charity's investments to be ethical and sustainable.

Embedding Sustainability into our Charity Operations

- LTA Tennis Foundation Trustees will undertake sustainability training, to ensure that considerations around the climate and environment are effectively incorporated into decision-making.
- Environmental Sustainability will be considered in all major decision-making by the LTA Tennis Foundation Board of Trustees.

Integrating Sustainability into our Grant Making Framework

- "Improved environmental sustainability" is one of five suggested outcomes for projects to focus on in our revenue Grant Making Framework.
- In assessing applications to our Grant Making Framework, we ask for information on the sustainability of the project and applicant.
- Guidance is being developed to be provided to funding recipients on the simple, practical steps they can take to reduce their impact.
- A condition of funding is that grant recipients deliver funded projects in line with the LTA Tennis Foundation's commitment to Environmental Sustainability. Those receiving funding above a certain threshold must also complete the LTA's Sustainable Sourcing Code questionnaire.

Sustainable Capital Investment

- The Quick Access Loan Scheme financed by the LTA Tennis Foundation funds tennis venues to upgrade their lighting to LED, helping venues improve their energy efficiency.

- Through the application process for any capital investment through the Quick Access Loan scheme, venues are asked to consider sustainability within proposed projects, what positive benefits will be delivered, and any negative impacts and how these will be mitigated. A condition of funding for all successful applicants is to put in place a Sustainability Plan for their venue, whilst those receiving investment above a certain threshold must also complete the LTA's Sustainable Sourcing Code questionnaire.

Supporting Innovation on Sustainability

- The LTA Tennis Foundation commits to considering how funding may be able to support innovation and help trial and test sustainability related initiatives to improve lives through tennis in the future.