

TWEENER LIGHTING: INTRODUCTION

Tweener is an innovative LED tennis court lighting system developed in France by the company NLX. Crucially, instead of being mounted on pylons (a major obstacle in seeking planning permission), LED lights are mounted in continuous strips along the side fences of courts. For a clear image of this, see the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_TxCiZII8E

NLX began exporting in 2019. Tweener is proving extremely successful (and award-winning), with more than 700 installations now across Europe, not only throughout France but in Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, and in 25 countries worldwide. In France, installations of Tweener are now outstripping those of conventional pylon lighting. And Tweener has been installed in the most prestigious venues there, including the Mouratoglou Academy, one of the premier tennis academies in the world. Other notable installations are at the Monte Carlo Tennis Club in Monaco and the Alberto Bonacossa Club in Milan.

To appreciate how elegant and unobtrusive the system is, note that in the picture below of Mouratoglou, we are seeing the back of one lighting strip along the fence in the bottom right corner; the second is the strip of light in the middle of the picture, two courts away. Beyond it, another pair of courts is similarly lit by two strips.

MOURATOGLOU TENNIS ACADEMY



MONTE CARLO TENNIS CLUB

In this picture of Monte Carlo, we can see Tweener installed in the pair of courts in the middle distance: one strip of light is visible on the right of the courts, the other fixed on the wall to the left.



ALBERTO BONACOSSA CLUB, MILAN



The running costs of Tweener are approximately 50% those of conventional lighting. The carbon footprint is further (hugely) reduced because construction, transportation and installation are so simple: instead of closing the club for two to three weeks for machinery to excavate courts, lay cables and erect lighting pylons, installation will take about two days, as the Tweener strips are simply delivered to the Club and attached to the fences by brackets. Obviously, the cost of the system itself is likewise much less – little more than half – that of conventional lighting.

Tweener is now taking off in the UK. In March, Woodstock club members visited and play-tested installations at three different clubs, in London, Devon and Manchester. Neil Lovett visited Totnes Tennis Club in Devon, Rhys Lewis visited Our Lady of Muswell Tennis Club in North London, and Phil Reid, Tom Francis and Nigel Bryant visited Baxter Park Tennis Club in Cheadle, Manchester. Their reports follow.

SEE FURTHER ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

1. TOTNES TENNIS CLUB – REPORT BY NEIL LOVETT
2. MUSWELL HILL, LONDON – TESTIMONIAL
3. MUSWELL HILL, LONDON – REPORT BY RHYS LEWIS
4. BAXTER PARK, MANCHESTER – CONVERSATION WITH CLUB BEFORE VISIT
5. BAXTER PARK, MANCHESTER – LAYOUT
6. BAXTER PARK, MANCHESTER – REPORT BY PHIL REID, TOM FRANCIS & NIGEL BRYANT
7. WOODSTOCK PROPOSED LAYOUT