

By email to Lesley.wells@havant.gov.uk

Re: Planning Application APP/23/00415

Dear Ms. Wells,

I am writing in support of Seacourt's planning application to build two padel courts at the club. I have been a member of Seacourt for [redacted text] years and have lived on Victoria Avenue [redacted text]. My kids grew up around the club, and it has had a very positive impact on our lives in terms of sporting activities and the social scene.

[Redacted text], and we have been actively supporting Seacourt since COVID, helping them with their marketing. For clubs like this, it's very hard, as they are run by the members and cannot compete with larger, more modern organisations.

Seacourt itself had a very difficult time during COVID, and they have worked very hard to get the club back on its feet and attract new members to its facilities. The club itself is very old, but it's vital that we keep places like this going; otherwise, it will end up being turned into more housing and having to close its doors. Seacourt nurtures youngsters of all ages and is a great place to play sports of all kinds and socialise with fellow like-minded people. It is one of the only clubs in the UK that offers over 10 racket sports.

This opportunity to build padel courts is vital to the club to increase its membership and improve the facilities further, as padel is one of the most popular racket sports at the moment. We would also be able to hold competitions on official courts.

I urge any councillors or decision-makers to come down to the club to see what a great place Seacourt is and what a positive effect it has on the community.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted text]