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Re: Planning Application APP/23/00415

Dear Ms. Wells

I am writing in strong support of Seacourt's planning application to build two padel courts next to its existing lawn tennis courts.

Padel tennis is a wonderful game which is enjoying extraordinary growth in UK and worldwide. It is a game which is open to players of all ages and abilities, providing a great boost to fitness and mental health. Played in doubles format only, it is like a combination of mini tennis and squash played in an enclosed court over a net where the ball can also be taken off the walls. It is a dynamic and fun game which requires good teamwork and concentration. It is contagiously enjoyable once you start playing.

I am a keen padel tennis player but am not able to play on a proper court as there are none nearby. I play a version of padel tennis indoors at Seacourt on the rackets court, along with more than 80 other avid players from the club, but this is sub-optimal as the court measurements and set up are quite different. Nothing compares to the exceptional experience of playing on a real padel court.

Building two outdoor padel courts at Seacourt is a vital development for the club, which will meet strong demand from existing members but will also be key to attracting new members and non-members to participate in this fabulous sport. As the first padel courts in Hayling Island and the nearby area, it will be a great enhancement to the sporting facilities in the neighbourhood.

I wholeheartedly support this development and encourage the council to get firmly behind this by approving the planning application at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely
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