

Dear Mr Norton

I have read your comment on bats at Seacourt Tennis Club and whilst you state that the site 'appears potentially' suitable for foraging bats, I have been a member for ■■■ years and apart from playing lawn tennis outside, I have spent many hours on the patio both sides of the tennis court sometimes late into the night and in all that time I have never seen a bat. Its funny how housing developments surround by trees and protected badger setts don't get the same consideration!

It appears to me that absolutely everything is being done to stop this planning going through which is grossly unfair on the older generation of the members. Many other cities and towns are installing padel courts as it is the fastest growing racquet sport in the UK presently. Seacourt's membership is mostly 50+ with some playing members 80+ which is fantastic for general health and wellbeing. A lot of the playing members have issues with knees, backs and hips caused by playing sport but they continue on because they love it so much. Currently, padel can only be played on an indoor rackets court which is very unforgiving on the joints. Proper padel courts have a completely different surface and doesn't cause any joint pain.

is one of the main opposers to the planning. [REDACTED] and clearly knows people in the planning office and it is clear that this is a case of not what you know but who you know. Building a house on a very busy and noisy seafront road with the fair at Beachlands must surely cause more noise than tennis.

Kind Regards