

Planning Inspectorate's Appeal Reference: APP/X1735/D/3359465

I am very much in favour of this planning application. I have recently been involved in discussions with the local secondary school, which has seen Seacourt become an important overspill PE facility for the Hayling College. Headmaster Martyn Reah is particularly keen for his pupils to get involved in Padel Tennis as he feels, as do many, that this family friendly sport has a great future.

I am writing in particular to complain about the way that the original planning hearing was run. The head of the Havant Borough Council Planning Department started proceedings by declaring that in law in the Netherlands no new Padel Court can be built within 150 metres of a private dwelling. The meeting then proceeded with the assumption, for some unknown reason, that this somehow applied to a proposed development on Hayling Island, very much a part of the UK! At one point a plan of the Seacourt proposal was put up on the large screen and it included a 150 metre circle to show how many residential properties would be included. Obviously the planning laws in the Netherlands have no relevance here whatsoever.

Finally, I would like to emphasise that Seacourt is not a tennis club that has been built in a residential area. The houses all around with the exception of Seacourt House (which is attached to the club) have all been constructed since the club was built as part of Seacourt House back in 1911.

