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Erik de Wit Padel Invest 34 Church Path Deal, Kent CT14 9TH

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Dear Erik de Wit,

I understand that you are in the process of applying for planning permission for the installation of padel courts in Deal, Kent.

As the National Governing Body for padel in Great Britain we fully support the principle of creating more padel courts; having courts which are covered will ensure that they are available to all year round, whatever the vagaries of the British weather.

The sport of padel is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and the LTA is committed to investing in its growth. Creating more covered padel courts, which can be used throughout the year, is critical to sustaining this growth. An operating model, which is community focussed, open and inclusive, is fundamental to ensuring that the sport reaches everyone.

Although we have not had the opportunity to review the detailed planning application, increasing the number of padel courts will allow more local communities to gain from the social and health benefits, both physical and mental, and we trust this will be taken into account by your local Council when considering the planning application.

Yours faithfully

Tom Murray Head of Padel