



LTA

The National Tennis Centre  
100 Priory Lane, Roehampton  
London SW15 5JQ

T 0208487 7000

[www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk)  
[info@lta.org.uk](mailto:info@lta.org.uk)

Leigh Palmer  
Head of Planning  
Services  
Lewes-Eastbourne  
Council

8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Mr Palmer

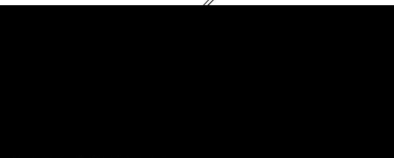
At the time of receiving this letter you will be considering a planning application for the installation of four padel courts (one open and three covered with a canopy) at the Saffrons Sports Club, Eastbourne.

As the National Governing Body for padel in Great Britain we fully support the principle of creating more covered padel courts; having courts which are covered will ensure that they are available to the Lewes & Eastbourne communities 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. Further, the operating model which is being created at the Saffrons site is community focussed, open and inclusive and 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 covered padel courts will allow more local communities to gain from the social and health benefits, both physical and mental, of playing padel all year round, 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