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Tennis Courts at. st Francis Social and Sports Club

Planning

Is 'Gunfire' noise the equivalent of 20 hits per minute, for 14 hours a day, 7 days a week really acceptable? In a totally quiet and peaceful environment where the only non-human noise apart from birdsong is the very occasional clack of bowls from the Bowls Club? Really? The noises from a Padel court would pollute not only our gardens - but also our homes. I live on the top floor of Cavendish House and the football all the way down on this site is an already a significant nuisance in terms of noise and lighting .

I live on the second floor of Cavendish House in a south-facing property. Currently I have views over the South Downs and enjoy peace and quiet - apart from a few football games on the St Francis pitch. The shouting and swearing from the regular games can be heard in my flat every week - and I only have partial hearing. It is already disruptive, as is the floodlighting that is in place for these games. I am deeply concerned about the proposed Padel courts, as the reports suggest it is akin to gunfire or doors slamming at 20x per minute. That is horrific. As operating times suggest the courts would be in play 14 hours a day, 7 days a week. Currently we can only hear birdsong - no other background noise. Many residents here bought their flats for peace and quiet. We knew about the football, but whilst distracting and intimidating (should one complain directly and accept the intimidation) it is currently manageable. However, the suggestion of increased usage and the traffic and noise as a consequence is a huge challenge. Horrific for residents.

Please note and acknowledge that the tennis courts have not been used for around c.7 years. The Social Club closed them down and locked the facility. Any comparison in this report is therefore invalid. And no account has been taken of the impact on actual residences.

In terms of the acoustic report, no one has factored in the impact to residents in Cavendish House. We are already disturbed by the football matches - noise, lighting, swearing, aggression. I can hear every match in my second floor flat - and I have significant hearing loss. I cannot begin to imagine what impact 20 gunshots per minute for 14 hours a day, 7 days per week will have with Padel courts. But it won't be good. Do you care? Please come and take measurements from flats on the second floor of Cavendish House. You can hear the individual shouts from footballers down on the field. It amplifies the sound and sends it up to us.

We bought properties in a grade II listed property, where we as residents/owners are not allowed any form of secondary glazing. We can't even use our washing machines after 9pm according to our leases. Our road infrastructure does not allow for the extra traffic or parking that this development will entail. There is no public access to the site. Why would you sanction this?

If you want a true acoustic impact please come and measure this from the flats in Cavendish House, first and second floors. And please demand full acoustic insulation for any build. A roof on the

property and top quality acoustic insulation that minimises external impact. If this isn't viable for a 3-year solution then ask yourselves why not? Why not build it where it has a longer life time? This is a con.

The developers claim this is only a 3-year temporary facility - but if it is, why not build it in its permanent home now? And use the most up-to-date materials to contain noise. And minimise external impact? They are being deceitful- and trying to get this through without proper insulation and minimisation of sound. Our entire peaceful environment will be utterly destroyed if this is allowed to happen. Please do not be complicit in allowing this to happen. You will destroy the area for hundreds of residents. And the business will fail, ultimately as the area is not accessible and does not provide decent access or parking.

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