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Good morning,

I am objecting to the above application.

The siting of this proposed Padel Court is totally inappropriate to the surrounding area including Southdown and St Francis Bowls Club.

The noise from the balls rebounding from the walls is extremely loud along with noise generated from exuberant players in terms of decibels will totally destroy the current peaceful surroundings.

As a St Francis Bowls Club member I can assure you the impact of seeing the court with players in action, will be very distracting to the eye and will definitely impact on the quality of the game. There is also a concern if this application goes ahead then other external bowls clubs may well decide not to play at our club which will inevitably see the decline of such a well used and loved facility.

Along with the noise, the access road around the development to the courts is not suitable for additional traffic with a single track road access and a few passing spaces will cause additional problems for existing users.

How much additional parking will be provided on this development?
The current car park immediately next to the Bowls Club is well used by players, visiting players, users of the swimming pool and hospital patients and cannot provide court player parking at this site without impacting on the current users.

The application is looking to be open for long hours including evenings which will require lighting in an otherwise natural light area again impacting on the quality of life for Southdown residents facing the courts.

I cannot stress enough the impact of this proposed development on St Francis Bowls Club members is having on them, a majority of which are elderly and enjoy a physical sport suitable for them.

I myself am a retired NHS worker and very much enjoy the tranquil environment this bowling green is set in. After years of working in a fast and challenging role, the propose development will certainly impact on my well being along with others should this development be approved.

May I suggest a court of this nature be built in the numerous housing developments currently underway in the local area rather than simply seek to provide another sporting facility at the expense of another.

Interestingly the directors of Hurstwood Sports Group Ltd (only incorporated in March 2025) are local residents so must be aware of the long standing NHS connection to this club and those of St Francis Sports and Social Club/St Francis Bowls Club.

I would ask the Councillors to think long and hard about this application and very much hope that one's quality of life is more important than financial gain.

Your faithfully

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