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Hi Stefan,

I understand that the above application is still being considered following the initial planning application outcome. To be clear, I did submit an objection to the proposed development.

I noted that the developer was yesterday undertaking further sound tests to establish anticipated noise levels.

I am an RICS registered surveyor with over 40 years experience in construction and am concerned that the sound readings taken yesterday are not from the most exposed locations that will be affected by the rallying noise of the court activity. The equipment needs to be placed higher so as not to be affected by the ground incline leading up to Cavendish House.

I believe that many residents and also members of the St Francis Bowls Club, who enjoy tranquil peace and quiet in a beautiful environment are going to be very surprised at the noise generated for up to 14hrs per day if the developer achieves full usage between 8am and 10pm at night.

I understand the money making nature of Padel in the UK, where demand is currently significantly outstripping supply, but again suggest that although relatively remote, this location is inappropriate for such a noisy sport, and is not comparable to the courts located at the Triangle, at HH Rugby club or at the racket centre just below Handcross off the A23, where no residents are subject to any noise issues.

I also understand that the developers are also not willing to install thicker glass walls on the court (to save money and create a bigger profit) which are proven to reduce the noise of ball hitting wall in a game.

I appreciate the developer may say that noise level is no louder than a slamming door, but you don't have to listen to 20 slamming doors every minute for 14 hours a day, 7 days a week, if the courts are fully utilised.

Hoping that these points are given due consideration.

As an aside, if the courts are temporary (for 3 years as stated) and then to be re-built down on the football pitch development (my understanding anyway) why doesn't the developer construct the courts down by the existing football clubhouse now and what will happen to the existing tennis court plot when the courts are relocated (if they ever are)?

Sent from my iPhone