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To: planninginfo
Subject: Ref DM/25/1185

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Dear Sir/Madam.

I wish to object to Planning Application at MSDC - DM/25/1185 for Padel Courts on land between St Francis Bowling Club and Swimming Pool behind Southdowns Park, a Grade 2 listed buildings.

This project is completely unsuited to the quiet, residential nature of the surrounding area. Padel courts are noisy, with sharp high-pitched ringing sounds from the ball hitting the walls. The continuous sound of the ball impacting the solid glass and walls, the frequency of play, and the number of players all contribute to the high noise levels.

This will lead to complaints from nearby residents trying to enjoy the peaceful ambiance around their properties and the garden area near the proposed planned site.

The many members using the facilities of the St Francis Bowls club next to the now abandoned tennis courts have specific concerns around the noise and movement of people around the club boundaries, primarily being a major distraction to the enjoyment of playing a game they have enjoyed for decades.

Then there is the matter of parking and the traffic in the local area. The current car park at the entrance to the bowls club is totally unsuitable as it is small and in poor condition. It would require extending and upgrading to take the envisaged number of new visitors, affecting the immediate surrounding residential houses.

Accessing the Paddle Courts by public transport is difficult to say the least so car use would have to increase, consequently leading to substantial air pollution in this residential area.

The fact that the proposers for this activity intend the Padel Courts to be used from 9am to 10pm, seven day a week, is alone a good reason to refuse planning permission taking into account all the factors above.

Yours Sincerely.

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