

16th September 2026

Ref: Padel Facility Development – Lancing Manor Leisure Centre

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposal to install outdoor floodlit padel facilities at Lancing Manor Leisure Centre.

As the National Governing Body for Padel in Great Britain, the LTA fully endorses the creation of more padel courts to meet demand for play. An addition of these new padel facilities would offer local residents in this area the opportunity to engage in padel, in line with the LTA's *Tennis Opened Up* strategy.

Following ongoing mapping exercises and assessment of strategic gaps in provision, we have identified a gap in provision for both tennis and padel in this area. There are currently no padel facilities in the Lancing / Sompting conurbation. Broadly, leisure providers and leisure locations fit well with new padel facilities with community offerings – with Lancing Manor viewed as an accessible strategic location.

Furthermore, the location proposal integrates Padel into existing leisure facilities / sporting opportunities that South Downs Leisure operate with a community ethos. The proposed community-focused, inclusive operating model is vital in ensuring that the sport reaches and benefits a wide audience.

The LTA is enthusiastic about the plans to add padel at Lancing Manor Leisure Centre where existing provision and infrastructure will complement the overall user experience, and we hope that this will be taken into consideration during the review of the proposal.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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