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To whom it may concern

RE: Berkshire County Sports Club, Padel & Floodlighting

I am writing this letter in support of the plans to develop padel and tennis facilities at Berkshire County Sports Club.

As the National Governing Body for Padel and Tennis in Great Britain the LTA fully support the principle of creating more Padel courts, however we do wish to balance this with maintaining tennis court provision. The current site has the potential for both Padel & Tennis to thrive with the joint venture, especially with the addition of floodlighting 2 Tennis courts for increase playing time. We would prefer floodlighting for all 3 courts so hope this would be an addition to the facility at a later stage.

The plans at Berkshire County Sports Club would allow an increased number of people from the local community to enjoy the game of Padel in line with the LTA's Strategy - Tennis Opened Up, and continue to access much improved Tennis facilities at the club. Furthermore, the proposed operating model, which is community-focused, open and inclusive, is fundamental to ensuring that the sport reaches everyone.

The LTA supports the proposed plans presented by Berkshire Sports Club and Padel Stars and we very much hope that this will be taken into account when reviewing the planning application.

This letter is an indication of support for the development but does not indicate that the project will receive LTA funding. Should the venue apply for any LTA capital funding for this project it will be assessed with all other applications received in the same process as set out in the LTA's Funding Guide.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,

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