

Dear Tennis Club Committee and Members

It is acknowledged that there was a time when interest in membership was lower than it is today, also the prospect of funding necessary renovations was daunting, and that selling for redevelopment seemed a good solution.

Today with the great influx of younger people into the neighbourhood there is enormous interest in retaining and improving the club. Nearly 300 people (representing more than 600 with family members) have in a short period signed their support, so the policy of selling, even with some sport provision remaining, we believe is no longer warranted.

There has been a tennis club on this site since 1925, open to all till recent years. Land that has since earliest times never been substantially built on. Many of you have enjoyed these facilities for some decades, maintaining it with your enthusiasm and labour which we acknowledge. We believe that with help the club could be an ongoing custodian for community membership, and it would be an irreversible loss to intensively develop the site with flats and a token and unviable sport provision.

Among the supporters are mature, experienced enthusiasts from other tennis clubs in the surrounding area, also a professional in tennis business, and other trade and professional skills. If only given the opportunity, we believe we have the means to restore the club to its former glory and community pride.

We ask that you forgo the redevelopment plan and seek an acceptable means of either allowing us to work with you or transferring to a new generation for operation.

An opportunity to develop these ideas further would be appreciated.

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