

Dear Interested Parties.

We are contacting you because you have expressed an interest in being involved in the opposition to the plan to build Padel Tennis courts on the Cator Estate.

In an ideal world we would not be asking you for funding to oppose this plan. It feels like one of those expenses such as a boiler breaking down that you would rather avoid. However, we feel it is necessary to act on this and act quickly and we do not feel confident that other groups will be able to do this in time.

Our objective is to present a formal objection supported by independently collected information that directly challenges the representations made by the applicants. To do this we need to appoint external consulting help on the following:

- Planning Consultant
- Noise Survey and Report
- Conservation Consultant
- Traffic Survey

We have taken legal and professional advice on this and have already appointed the first two listed above. **The reports need to be professionally produced in order to counter the application of a professional and well-funded applicant.**

We only have until 7th May to submit our objections using the information collected by the consultants.

Those of us who have been leading the charge have committed already and generally have pledged £500- £1000 each based on proximity to the site and ability to pay.

**In simple terms, if we have more funds, we can provide more expert opinion in support of our case.**

We are not asking everyone for the level of financial commitment that we have made, but we **need around £12,000 immediately, and would appreciate assistance. We also fully expect this to go to one or more appeals which will probably cost more than the initial objection.**

**What we are looking for now is a pledge of up to £1,000 per household.**

- None of the amounts or names of contributors will be made public.
- Adrian Challinor will manage the cash in a newly created account. Tom Brown and Trevor Pugh will provide oversight and monitoring.
- We do not intend to use the cash unless we absolutely have to and can return any unused funds but when we do we will keep you informed of all the details. We will be working with BCER and others to see if they can better fund this.

Many thanks in advance, BCAG.