

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing as Britain's leading players, to ask you to continue Government investment into public tennis facilities across Britain.

Every year, over 9 million people in this country play tennis, whilst millions more support as fans. Our sport delivers huge physical and mental health benefits, teaches life skills, and builds community spirit. It is one of the most inclusive sports, leading the way on both gender equality and inclusion of disabled people at grassroots and elite level.

We know that over the last three years, the Government has been investing alongside the LTA to renovate park tennis courts for the benefit of local communities. We also know this has delivered huge impact, helping to significantly grow participation across Britain, particularly in areas that have previously lacked access to our sport. The park tennis investment has rightly been targeted at areas with the highest levels of deprivation.

However, too many places around the country still do not have access to high quality community sports facilities. A new national network of community accessible covered tennis, padel and multi-sport hubs would support year-round play, and grow participation, particularly among underserved communities and disabled people. Delivering this network in partnership with the LTA would bring the benefits of sport to so many more people across the country.

We are concerned that as things stand, the Government may not continue to invest into tennis facilities. This would be disappointing, given tennis in Britain has made huge strides forward in recent years, with growth in participation and success on the international stage.

We therefore ask that you continue to invest into facilities, to ensure that every community across our nation has the opportunity to pick up a racket and get active year-round, and to support the next generation of British players.

Yours sincerely,

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