





Mr Gareth Ellor Rutherglen TC 25 Viewpark Drive, Burnside, Glasgow, G73 3QE

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Dear Gareth,

## Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund – Rutherglen TC Proposed Indoor Tennis Centre at Overtoun Park, South Lanarkshire

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to meet with representatives from Tennis Scotland and **sport**scotland a few weeks ago to discuss the above. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss in more detail our decision not to progress your proposal for Overtoun Park to the application stage for support from our Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund (TSIT).

We have been aware of the Clubs ambition to explore the feasibility of developing an indoor tennis centre for some time, however your presentation in March 2022 enabled us to formally consider the expression of interest you had previously submitted, at a recent TSIT meeting. We fully understand your disappointment with our decision, however as we explained in the meeting, there were areas of concern identified during our review of your proposal, most notably in relation to location and financial and operational viability. The proposed site is not located within an identified TSIT strategic priority area, which takes into account insight on population, participation, travel, demographic information as well as existing and potential operator analysis.

Whilst we recognise the proposal is at an early stage, our priority is to invest in proposals that are located in areas where there is a high level of unmet tennis demand and a lack of accessible indoor tennis provision. For now, our priority is to continue to use this analysis-based approach to better understand the most appropriate locations to develop an indoor tennis centre within the strategic priority areas identified by us.

We trust the above is clear and helpful however please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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