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Chief Executive Officer  
Bridgend County Borough Council  
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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Mark,

**Island Farm Community Indoor Tennis Centre Endorsement**

I am writing as Chief Executive of Tennis Wales, the National Governing Body of tennis in Wales to endorse the plans being submitted for planning in relation to the Island Farm Community Indoor Tennis Centre in Bridgend.

Tennis is a sport that's growing across Wales, with more than 130,000 adults playing each year and a growing number of children and young people taking up the game in schools, clubs, parks and local tennis facilities across the country.

The Island Farm Community Indoor Tennis Centre will play a significant role in growing our sport. The Centre will provide indoor and outdoor tennis facilities for people in the local community, the South Wales region and for some of Wales' most talented players, both disabled and non-disabled.

Here at Tennis Wales we understand the strong commitment to the Prevention and Wellbeing agenda of Bridgend CBC and will work alongside the Island Farm Community Indoor Tennis Centre to ensure that communities' right across the borough will experience tennis as an activity to underpin their mental and physical wellbeing. In addition, Island Farm will support aspirations set out in the Bridgend wellbeing plan and contribute to upholding the principles and wellbeing goals of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

Island Farm will assist with growing the local economy, creating jobs and provide new opportunities for lifelong education.

Tennis Wales have initiated a local development plan for tennis in Bridgend that will maximise the engagement opportunities presented by Island Farm, our three tennis clubs across the borough, park courts and education sites. We aim to drive this forward in collaboration Bridgend CBC and other local stakeholders with Island Farm at the centre of this vision.

Yours sincerely,



**Simon Johnson**  
Chief Executive