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Comments: Both myself and my wife have used and been members of Brough Park Leisure Centre for the past twenty five years. I play squash on a regular basis and both my wife and I attend the gym and regular exercise classes. We welcome upgrading and refurbishment of the existing facility however we do consider that the time frame to close the Leisure Centre for the refurbishment in excess of twelve months is excessive and proposed timing is during a crucial winter season when all users rely upon the indoor facilities during the dark and cold winter months. In addition the loyal squash players are unhappy with the proposed loss of one squash court to become a assisted exercise suite particularly as squash is going to be included within the 2028 Olympic Games. If we have to lose one squash court we would be grateful if it could be the court over the far left which is currently situated on the outside wall adjacent to the outside six a side football pitch and not the court on the proposed plan as the two most used and suitable courts to existing users are the first two adjacent to the existing corridor and men's changing facility. I understand why you wish to provide a suite for mobility and health issue new users however I don't think this is equitable to the existing squash players who have looked after their health for several years. Thank You in anticipation. Mr Andrew Rennie

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