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Lambs Squash Club

I am writing to you on behalf of a number of my constituents who have contacted me about the above squash club based in my constituency. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Lambs Members' Action Group for your information.

Lambs Squash Club is an internationally renowned squash venue, and the world's top players (as well also as beginners) play there regularly. Particularly given its unique status, the members were horrified to learn recently that the freehold had been sold and the new owners were applying for planning permission to demolish the club to build flats and offices. This planning application is very shortly to be considered by Islington Council, and I would be grateful if you could consider intervening yourself in this matter, given the impact that the closure of the club may have on the future of the sport of squash, its current bid for Olympic status and the subsequent possible implications for London's 2012 bid for the Olympics.

Many thanks for your assistance with this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Rt Hon Chris Smith MP