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**Rother District Council
The Town Hall
Bexhill on Sea
East Sussex
TN39 3JX**

YOUR REF: B021A

FAO: Neo Georghiou: Estates Surveyor

Date: 19 April 2021

**Local Government Act 1972 Section 123(2A)
Courts, Pavilion and Tennis Area at Egerton Park
Disposal of an Asset
OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL**

Dear Sir

With reference to your public notice in the Bexhill Observer to dispose of the above asset through a lease I wish to OBJECT for the reasons given below.

On 5 May 2021 Councillors for the new Parish Council for Bexhill will be elected. As part of the process of setting up the new Council, a process is required to be put in place to agree which assets will transfer to the new Parish Council from the Rother District Council. It seems likely that some if not all responsibilities for Egerton Park may be included in the asset transfer register and possibly also contracts for the maintenance of the park

It seems to me that the land subject to the notice may be a valuable asset and also the value of any lease to be signed between whichever Council holds the asset (either the RDC or the new Parish Council) with the Bexhill Tennis Club.

Given that the date of the election is so close it is in my view not appropriate at this time for the transfer to take place until any negotiations regarding asset transfers between the RDC and the new Parish Council take place or for any agreements between the RDC and the Tennis Club to be signed and sealed.

To many members of the public in Bexhill if this process goes ahead before the new Parish Council has met and discussed the issue in public this looks like Asset Stripping on the part of Rother District Council

I have been in touch with the interim Clerk to the new Parish Council Linda Butcher who has said she has asked Officers of the RDC for a delay in implementing the transfer process until after the parish council has met and is able to consider the issue. I have however not heard whether this has been agreed hence my OBJECTION today.

Yours sincerely

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CC: Linda Butcher; Interim Clerk to the Bexhill Parish Council