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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed removal of the sandpit area at Cantelowes Gardens for a pay to play padel.

As a resident, local childminder and regular visitor to this cherished community space, I have witnessed firsthand the vital role the sandpit plays, picnic benches in the lives of local children and families. It offers a unique, safe, and engaging environment that encourages creative play, social interaction, and outdoor activity—elements that are essential to children’s healthy development.

The sandpit is one of the few free, accessible play areas in the borough that supports sensory play and imaginative learning for younger children. Its removal would disproportionately affect families who may not have the means to travel further afield for similar facilities. Also, not all families have a garden area where they can offer sand play to their kids. More broadly, it would diminish the community feel of Cantelowes Gardens, which thrives as a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming public space.

I urge Camden Council to reconsider this decision and instead explore options to preserve or improve the sandpit area. Maintaining such amenities aligns with the council's commitment to child wellbeing, community cohesion, and equitable access to green spaces.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important issue. I hope the voices of local residents, families, and children will be heard and respected.

Yours sincerely,

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