

Backing 24/7

SIR. I am writing in support of the letter you printed from Alex Allen of 24/7 Security, regarding its bid for the old Surrey Sports Centre.

I am a long-standing resident of the Cambridge Road estate, and also an active member of the Cambridge Road Estates Residents' Association and, when that group failed, the Cambridge Road Estates Community Group (Crest), which was convened by the Community Action Partnership in 2006.

As the inaugural chairman of Crest I was actively involved in the efforts that were made to try to resurrect the Surrey Sports Centre. This included, to my certain knowledge, three resident consultations. Each one reflected the view that at least 90 per cent of residents were in favour of such a project.

Therefore, I was deeply saddened to discover that, thanks to a few disaffected residents and the negative attitude of Councillor Steve Mama, this scheme that has been a long-held and much fought for dream could be thwarted.

I have met those behind the 24/7 group a couple of times and I can only say "good luck, I am right behind you" – as are a huge number of Cambridge Road estate residents.

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