

# JERSEY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

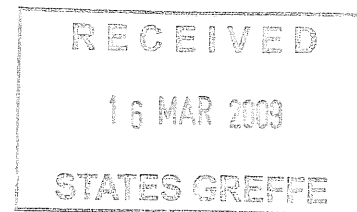
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the Jersey Evening Post article featured in the March 6th issue, entitled 'Fort Regent use to be reviewed'.

I am voicing the concerns of the entire Netball Association when I say that we would be absolutely lost without the superb facilities offered at the Fort for Netball tournaments.

There is no other venue in the Island which can offer three indoor courts, actually there is no other venue that can offer even TWO indoor courts, especially with such superb viewing for the spectators.

During the past three years, the JNA has financially supported teams travelling 'off Island', in search of challenging opposition. This has proved to be very expensive and at times 'soul destroying', with the money that we have lost on 'disrupted' travel.

Hence, we decided that, as from this year we would actively encourage English teams to travel to Jersey. This plan of action is just starting to take hold and we have an English Touring Company, who are currently 'selling' Jersey as a sporting venue.

Tourism will benefit from the large groups travelling, as seen last month when 78 Cheshire Netballers spent the weekend in Jersey.

If we were to lose the Fort Regent's unique sporting facilities, it would be impossible for us to host any tournaments of this nature!

The JNA are proud of the Fort as a sporting venue and we have had numerous complimentary comments from visiting teams, who think likewise.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice the concerns of the Netball Association.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jackie Nelson



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