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Dear Councillor Michael Stokes and Development Strategy

## Rugby Borough Local Plan – Publication Draft 2016

We are grateful of the opportunity to submit representations to the above consultation. These are attached for your information. These follow a similar line to our representations on the earlier consultation on the Preferred Option but updated and revised to take account of developments over the intervening period. We propose a new policy for Brandon Stadium for inclusion in the plan together with a document setting out a short history of Brandon Stadium and a document where another threatened stadium has been protected through the designation of a Conservation Area.

We are, of course, aware of proposals for a replacement stadium to accommodate both the Coventry Bees Speedway Team and Stock Car Racing nearby and will be happy to support them in due course subject to them being (1) fully funded, (2) they provide a genuine equivalent replacement to Brandon Stadium, (3) have the full support of Rugby Borough Council including the designation of the new site within this emerging local plan and (4) they permit a smooth and unbroken transition of the racing from Brandon into the new facility.

As you will know the Stock Car Racing events at Brandon regularly attract very large crowds and nationally Speedway is on an upward curve as brand new stadiums are about to open at

both Belle Vue and Swindon both with the backing and investment from their respective Councils.

We would, of course, be happy to discuss any aspect of this submission this further with the Council at your convenience and look forward to taking an active part in the forthcoming public examination. We would also request to be notified of the he submission of the Local Plan for independent examination, the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector and the adoption of the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely

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