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Dear Rugby Borough Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the campaign to save Coventry Stadium and return it to its rightful place as a venue for stockcar and speedway racing.

The stadium has long been a local treasure – not just for Rugby and Brandon, but for the wider region. It brought in millions to the local economy over the years and provided joy and community to thousands of fans from across the Midlands and beyond. Events at the stadium gave the area a real sense of pride and identity.

A viable business plan is now in place to revive the stadium, and I urge the Council to support it. There are thousands of us ready to get behind this plan and play our part in making the track viable for generations to come. This is a real opportunity to preserve something truly special.

By contrast, the behaviour of Brandon Estates has been appalling. They should never have been allowed to purchase the site, only to shut it down, leave it unsecured for nearly a decade, and effectively let it fall into ruin through neglect, break-ins, and arson. That this kind of deliberate decay could be rewarded with planning permission for housing is deeply unjust and sets a dangerous precedent.

I am a lifelong stockcar fan and lived in Rugby from 2010 to 2017. One of the key reasons I chose to live in the town was being just 15 minutes from Coventry Stadium – it genuinely enriched my life. Despite now living in Bedfordshire, I will be at every F1 stockcar meeting at Coventry, should the stadium reopen.

Please stand with the local community and racing fans across the UK. Support the plan to bring Coventry Stadium back to life and help secure a future for stockcar and speedway racing in this historic venue.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Gaskell

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