# Representation Form for Local Plans

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| | **Local Plan**<br>Publication Stage Representation Form | **Ref:**<br><br>**(For official use only)** |

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| **Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:** | Rugby Borough Council Proposed Submission Local Plan |

**Please return to Rugby Borough Council by 5:00pm Friday 13th March 2026**
**By email to**: localplan@rugby.gov.uk with **Proposed Submission Consultation in the subject line, OR by post to**: Development Strategy, Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR.

This form has two parts –
Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.
Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

## Part A

| 1. Personal Details* | | 2. Agent's Details (if applicable) |
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| **If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below (if applicable) but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.* | | |
| Title | Mr | |
| First Name | Mark | |
| Last Name | Kelly | |
| Job Title (where relevant) | | |
| Organisation (where relevant) | | |
| Address Line 1 | [redacted] | |
| Line 2 | [redacted] | |
| Line 3 | [redacted] | |
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| Post Code | [redacted] | |
| Telephone Number | [redacted] | |
| E-mail Address (where relevant) | [redacted] | |

# Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each policy or site you wish to comment on

Name or Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph | Policy W1B | Policies Map

Site ID

4. Do you consider the Local Plan:

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| (1) is Legally compliant | Yes | Yes | No | |
| (2) is Sound | Yes | Yes | No | |
| (3) complies with the Duty to co-operate | Yes | Yes | No | |

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Hello,

I am writing in support of Policy W1B and the retention of Brandon Stadium for the staging of stock car racing and speedway.

Brandon Stadium was one of the earliest tracks to stage stock car racing in the UK, being a part of the inaugural season in 1954. It continued as one of the premier venues in the country until its unexpected closure at the end of the 2016 season. During this time it hosted a multitude of championship events, drawing drivers and fans from across the world (including USA, Australia and New Zealand, as well as mainland Europe) and giving Coventry a recognition that it likely wouldn't have otherwise received.

Brandon Stadium was a key venue not just for drivers, but also for the fans. The first Saturday of the month, April to November, always went into the diary because you knew that all of your racing friends would be there no matter where in the country they lived. It fostered and maintained friendships over years and, for many older fans, became the one meeting they would attend each month. As good as the racing was, it was the strengthening of these bonds that made Brandon special.

Over recent years the midlands region has lost a number of race venues which means that securing the return of racing to Brandon Stadium has never been so vital. The developers would argue that the loss of Leicester, Long Eaton, Stoke, Birmingham Wheels and Perry Barr shows that the sport is no longer wanted. This is definitively not the case. What these venues had in common was that they were leased to the race promoters and it was the stadium owners who sold the sites to developers. Current venues that are owned by their promoters - Northampton, Mildenhall, Skegness, Buxton and Taunton for example - are all investing heavily in improvements. This shows a sport that is in good health and ready to thrive again at Brandon.

I ask you to please approve the local plan including the return of stock car racing and speedway to Brandon Stadium. It is a plan that is supported by the council, local residents and race fans across the country. Don't reward Brandon Estates, the current site owner, who has proved to be a terrible neighbour throughout the entirety of their ownership and whose sole interest seems to be to make themselves even richer.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

***Please note:*** *In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.*

***After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.***

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

☐ **No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

☐ **Yes**, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

***Please note*** *the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.*

All representations received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate alongside the Proposed Submission Local Plan and published on the council's website. Personal addresses and email addresses (as distinct from businesses addresses), but not names, will be redacted before representations are published.

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