

[Redacted]

From: Emma-Jayne [Redacted]
Sent: 25 February 2026 18:32
To: Local Plan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Local Plan W1B

Dear Rugby Borough Council,

I am writing to express my fervent support for the Local Plan W1B, regarding Coventry Stadium. I believe the restoration of Coventry Stadium is essential for the social and economic health of the area. For my family, and thousands of others, Brandon is not just a plot of land; it is a repository of lifelong memories and a vital social anchor.

The stadium's history is woven into my own. My grandparents attended the very first Speedway meeting; my parents met there; I even met my husband at the stadium. From my brother competing on the track to my own charity races, the stadium has been the backdrop for three generations of my family and we are hoping to make it four with our own children. Since its closure in 2016, a profound void has been left in our community, it did more than stop the engines; it dismantled a community. Since then, we have seen:

- A Loss of Social Cohesion: The stadium was a unique "melting pot" where people of all ages and walks of life gathered.
- Reduced Accessibility: Many local fans are unable to travel to distant tracks, leading to social isolation for long-term supporters.
- Economic Impact: Local businesses have missed out on the footfall of thousands of regular visitors.

Restoring the stadium is about more than nostalgia—it is about restoring social value. There is no other venue in the region that brings together such a diverse cross-section of ages and backgrounds. Reviving Brandon will breathe life back into local businesses and ensure that future generations can experience the same sense of belonging that defined my childhood.

I am incredibly grateful to Rugby Borough Council for their continued support of this restoration and the councillors for recognising its proven history and thriving future. I fully endorse the return of this historic site and community asset to its rightful place and former glory at the heart of our community.

Kind regards,

Mrs Emma Jayne Norton

[Redacted]