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Subject: Re: Proposed Submission Local Plan for Rugby Borough - Regulation 19 Consultation
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Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to further support the protection of community facilities (policy WIB) and strongly support the full restoration of Coventry Stadium (Brandon) for the return of stock car racing, speedway racing, and other community events.

Coventry Stadium is a key heritage site with both local and widespread significance in the sport of stock car racing. It is considered as the "Wembley Stadium" of the oval racing world and brought both fans and drivers together from far and wide across the UK and beyond for decades, up until it's sudden closure in 2016.

Living near Leicester, Coventry Stadium was my local track and has a large personal significance to myself as it does to thousands of other fans. This is where I attended my very first stock car race as a youngster with my Dad and is how I immediately fell in love with the sport. It is also the place where he went to watch racing with my Grandad and family for many years, and also where close family relatives and friends raced stock cars themselves. As a result, we continue to follow stock cars far and wide across the UK every weekend, and would cherish the return of Coventry Stadium, as I'm positive many others would.


Stock car racing is becoming more popular than ever, with significant ongoing investment and improvements at Northampton, Skegness, and Buxton, and also the rebuild of Mildenhall stadium following their tragic fire. As well as the return of F1 stock cars to Aldershot, Great Yarmouth, Scotland, Scunthorpe and Northern Ireland in recent years, this shows how strong the support and desire is for stock car racing across the UK. With the sad news of Odsal Stadium being lost for stock car racing in the 2026 season, we need Brandon Stadium back more than ever to return the sport to the Midlands and give it a major boost.

Bringing back the iconic Coventry Stadium will be a fantastic boost to not only the sport, but also the local community and economy. The site must be protected for motorsport and community events and should not be considered for housing or any other form of development.

Returning Coventry Stadium it's rightful place back on the map will be the perfect way to celebrate the 70th anniversary of F1 stock cars in 2025 (belatedly!).

Kind regards,

Joe Pollard
[REDACTED]



On Fri, 30 Jan 2026, 09:30 Local Plan, <LocalPlan@rugby.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Consultee,

Rugby Borough Council is updating its local plan. The local plan sets out policies and locations for new development across the borough, and we are obliged to review it every 5 years as a minimum.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan is the document the Council intends to submit to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to be examined by an independent Planning Inspector. It sets out a development strategy for the Borough for the period 2025-2042, allocates land for development, and includes development management policies to be used for determining planning applications.

The document has been informed by feedback received during the two previous rounds of public consultation – the ‘Issues and Options’ consultation which concluded in February 2024, and the ‘Preferred Option’ consultation which concluded in May 2025.

You can review the Proposed Submission Local Plan and all supporting evidence at: <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/proposed-submission-local-plan>

Alternatively, hard copies of the Proposed Submission Local Plan and supporting evidence are available to inspect at:

- Rugby Borough Council’s offices, Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV12 2RR
- Rugby Library and Information Centre, Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ
- Dunchurch Community Library, The Green, Dunchurch, Rugby, CV22 6PA
- Wolston Library and Information Centre, Warwick Road, Wolston, Coventry, CV8 3GX

We invite your representations on the Proposed Submission Local Plan. These should be submitted using the Representation Form and take consideration of the Planning Inspectorate’s Guidance Note and the Statement of Representation Procedure, all of which are available on our website: <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/proposed-submission-local-plan>. Hard copies are also available at the above locations where documents can be viewed.

Please submit your Representation Form either:

1) By email to localplan@rugby.gov.uk with ‘Proposed Submission Consultation’ in the subject line, or

2) By post to:

Proposed Submission Consultation,

Development Strategy Team,

Town Hall,

Evreux Way,

Rugby,

CV21 2RR

All responses must be received by **5:00pm on Friday 13th March 2026**.

Consultation responses will be made available for public inspection and will be reviewed by the Planning Inspector. They will be processed in line with the council's privacy notice which can be viewed here: <https://rugby.gov.uk/w/privacy#development-strategy>

You have received this email because your contact details are held on our consultation database or you provided feedback to the Preferred Option consultation. If you wish to have your details removed from this database, please contact us. Should you require any further information, please contact the Development Strategy team.

Yours faithfully,

Development Strategy Team



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