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**Subject:** Representation in SUPPORT of Policy W1B – Rugby Borough Local Plan

**To the Development Strategy Team,**

I am writing to express my formal and total support for **Policy W1B** as set out in the emerging Local Plan, which specifically designates **Brandon Stadium** for the restoration of speedway, stock car racing, and other motorsports.

The inclusion of this policy is a vital step in correcting a decade of strategic neglect by the site owners. My support for Policy W1B is based on the following:

- **Policy Compliance:** Policy W1B correctly identifies the stadium as a unique sporting asset. Protecting this site is the only way to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which forbids the loss of such facilities without equivalent replacement.
- **Economic Restoration:** Reopening Brandon Stadium will provide a sustained economic boost to the Rugby and Coventry area, far outweighing the one-time gain of a generic housing development.
- **Viable Future:** There is clear evidence of a credible consortium ready to invest in and manage the site. Any claim that the stadium is "surplus to requirements" is factually incorrect and ignores the massive public demand for its return.
- **Community Heritage:** This venue is an international landmark. Its restoration is essential for the social and sporting fabric of the West Midlands.

I strongly urge the Planning Inspectorate and Rugby Borough Council to maintain Policy W1B in its current form to ensure the stadium is returned to its rightful use.

**Yours faithfully,**

**Rhys Wishart**

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