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Ref: R18/0186 - Brandon Estate's latest revised scheme for the redevelopment of Coventry Stadium

I currently chair both the British Stock Car Association (BriSCA) and the Oval Racing Council International (ORCi). The former is the Promoters' organisation that oversees Formula One Stock Car Racing and the latter is the over-arching governing body of all oval racing in the U.K. As you may recall I was also the promoter (trading as Startrax) that promoted all non-BriSCA F1 meetings at Brandon.

On behalf of the Governing Bodies we remain diametrically opposed to Brandon Estate's redevelopment proposals and the that loss of Coventry Stadium has left a huge void for the sport (and Speedway) in the Midlands. The tactics utilised by the developer to evict successful and viable sports from the stadium and enable its subsequent deterioration must not be allowed to succeed, Major event stadiums that cater for 'grass roots' and 'families' and all ages are all too sadly being lost.

We wish to see the stadium restored to its former glory and once again to hold regular stock car racing events, including major championship meetings, not only for for BriSCA Formula One Stock Cars but other race classes too. The facilities at Coventry Stadium were second to none. For whatever reasons without entering politics, the stadium since the end of 2016 has effectively been allowed to degenerate in it's fabric and structure in what I would suggest 'of deliberate intent' to make it's restoration more difficult and with an aim to create an environment where it may be prohibitively more costly.

Now, considerable investment will be required to remediate the infrastructure. Crucially the track remains intact and the barrier / safety fence. Potential ways forward to re instate the stadium in phases have been outlined to ensure it may be viable.

There is an urgent, continuing and pressing need to restore the stadium so that the sport can, once again, take place on a regular basis in the Midlands.

In the short run, Rugby Council can do their bit by firmly rejecting these proposals and working pro-actively with those parties that are keen to restore the sporting facility.

Yours Sincerely,

Steve Rees  
Chairman BriSCA & ORCi Ltd