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Subject: Planning Application for Brandon Stadium

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**Rugby Borough Council,
Fao : Erica Buchanan**

To whom it may concern,

We now understand a formal planning application has been submitted for the change of use of Coventry Stadium for redevelopment.

I write in capacity as Chairman of both the British Stock Car Association and Oval Racing Council International to express our disappointment and grave concern over the potential loss of the stadium to our sport and as a viable, well supported, popular amenity in the local .

Coventry Stadium has been central to BriSCA F1 Stock Car Racing and UK short circuit motor sport since 1954, indeed Brandon was one of the first venues to stage initially Speedway racing and then, continually, Stock Car Racing since it's origin in 1954 every consecutive year. Historically, it is the most successful motorsport venue in the UK and regularly hosted every major title in both sports calendars on a regular basis.

Such is the value of Coventry Stadium, BriSCA has facilitated and continues to support the operators, Coventry Racing Club, whilst every avenue is pursued to return racing to the area.

For clarification, Coventry Racing Club remain an active and valued promoter within BriSCA and in 2017 colleagues assisted in relocating fixtures elsewhere.

For 2018 and a period beyond. BriSCA have agreed to effectively allow Coventry Racing Club to remain active members of our organization whilst temporarily freezing their license allowing further time for them to resolve their future whilst remaining fully involved in the sport's organization ongoing.

As far as BriSCA is concerned, Coventry Racing Club has until it's closure always been a viable operation and BriSCA continues it's support to the organization to renew racing in the area for the benefit of the many thousands of race fans and drivers that support and value this iconic facility.

The potential plans for redevelopment of the stadium removes a vibrant and viable amenity that has for many decades and up to it's closure been hugely popular and a fundamental part of the Heritage of our sport. We also believe it to be a major asset for the area which is well supported, respected and well loved by the many thousands who support it annually. The venue not only attracts tremendous support from the area but enjoys substantive patronage from across Europe and beyond.

We sincerely hope you will consider it's intrinsic value as well as commercial in your deliberations, and more importantly based on its ongoing viability, the desire of the operators to continue it's function and operation ongoing.

Should you require any further clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me further,

Yours Sincerely,

**Steve Rees
Chairman British Stock Car Association & ORCi Ltd**