



The British Stock Car Drivers Association (Formula One)

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Rugby Borough Council
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Dear Ms Buchanan,

I am writing with regard to the recent planning application made by Brandon Estates on the Coventry Stadium site. I am the current Chairman of the British Stock Car Drivers Association (BSCDA). We represent all BriSCA Formula 1 and V8 Hotstox drivers nationwide. The BSCDA are now in their 63rd season and since 1954 to 2016 we have raced at Coventry Stadium. Stock cars have been a huge part of the stadium's history and throughout 2017 we faced the closure of the stadium and a huge part of our heritage was lost.

Over the past sixty plus years BriSCA Formulas 1s in particular have raced on the first Saturday of the month from April to November, this to many race fans is commonly known as when the season starts and finishes. This Stadium is without doubt considered to be the 'Mecca' of the Stock Car world, fans from all over the country, Europe, America and as far as New Zealand attend on a regular basis to witness the best stock car action in the UK.

We represent the drivers and they flock to Coventry for the monthly events, it was such an integral part of the formula and it has been hugely missed over this past twelve months. Coventry welcomed the highest car turnouts at each and every meeting because of its appeal. The same can be said for race fans, Coventry Stadium is the home for spectators to enjoy the best action whilst socialising and enjoying the sport they love.

There have been twenty-one World Final Championship events at Coventry since 1954, every single one attracting huge numbers. 2010 for example, saw over 10,500 people attend, most of which stayed in the area to attend another race meeting the following day in Northampton. In 2016 there was a BriSCA F1 event which attracted over 100 cars, 40 of which had travelled from mainland Europe to attend, all bringing many race fans with them to enjoy a weekend of stock car racing at Coventry. This Stadium is undoubtedly the Wembley of our sport, it has been known as "The Place to Race" for six decades and a year's absence of these meetings has left a huge void in our sport.

However all is not lost, our drivers and fans are still out there and if Coventry were to re-open their doors they would return in their droves to support the Stadium and the local community and amenities.

If we as the BSCDA Committee can assist or supply any more information please do not hesitate to contact us. We strongly object to the planning application that Brandon Estates have submitted and we hope one day that we return to the shaleway and enjoy many more Stock Car events in the future.

Sincerely,

Anthony Flanagan

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BSCDA Chairman