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From: sophie clark <bscda@yahoo.co.uk>
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To: Erica Buchanan
Cc: Jeff Davies; STEVEN REES
Subject: Coventry Planning

Dear Erica,

I am writing to you on behalf of the BSCDA (British Stock Car Drivers Association), the BSCDA was founded in 1955 and is the oldest governing body for Stock Car Racing.

As per our correspondence dated 17th February 2018 we would like to confirm how important Coventry Stadium is within the world of Stock Car Racing, in particular BriSCA F1. After the loss of the Stadium the sport has felt the impact as Brandon is such a significant part of our sports heritage, the first Saturday of the month between April to November was a date in every driver and fans diary and as we have stated Coventry was simply the "Mecca" of the Stock Car world attracting fans from all over the UK, Europe, American and New Zealand, all of which attended on a regular basis.

After reading recent documents we would like to point out several statements that have been misinterpreted, especially regarding possible replacements.

Firstly Perry Barr Stadium simply is not a suitable facility for Stock Car Racing, the main reason being the space for participants and fans. This has been covered over the years and unfortunately it is not an option. The reasons have been explained in the letter provided by the Birmingham speedway promoter Laurence Rogers.

Over the past years Leicester Stadium has had dealings with Coventry Racing Club, however this was also not a viable option for many factors, the reasons of which were outlined in the letter from speedway promoter / leaseholder Marc Bates

Trent Raceway is not within the ORCi and is not a Stadium. They operate under the "14 day rule" so this is not a viable option either.

Hednesford Hills has major restrictions on usage, BriSCA F1 appear there once a year and have done for many seasons.

In 2017 Coventry Racing Club staged just one meeting at Stoke Stadium, not four as claimed by the developers. The others were staged at Owlerton Stadium Sheffield, Belle Vue Stadium and the Norfolk Arena at Kings Lynn. Permission was granted to Coventry Racing Club by BriSCA to give the promotion breathing space to continue in the uncertain times of Coventry Stadium.

Ian Bennett volunteered his time to write for the Coventry Racing Club programmes and was not a member of staff / management.

At this moment in time the 2019 BriSCA F1 calendar has 41 dates scheduled. Prior to Coventry Stadium closing the fixture list featured 50 plus dates.

Finally we would like to state on record the appreciation we have for the "Save Coventry Stadium" committee and everyone involved in their campaign. They have worked tirelessly since the closure of the Stadium ensuring their voice is heard and of course the thoughts of fans, drivers and riders. We fully support their campaign to ensure the stadium is not lost and the sports heritage is always at the forefront of their campaign. We look forward to the day where the gates will hopefully be re-opened and all our drivers back on track to entertain race fans.

Kind Regards,

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