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From: STEVEN REES <stevenrees01@btinternet.com>
Sent: 11 December 2018 14:06
To: Erica Buchanan
Cc: Jeff Davies; bscda@yahoo.co.uk
Subject: Coventry Planning

Dear Erica,

I write as Chairman of BriSCA [The British Stock Car Association] and Chair of ORCi [Oval Racing Council - governing body]

Since our initial correspondence with regards the application of Brandon Stadium, I would like to re iterate the historic significance of Coventry as a venue since 1954 which has hosted many iconic events across several decades enjoying a pivotal role in the sports development. Equally as identified in the significant volume of correspondence received on the forthcoming plans it underlines the many thousands of fans and drivers who support the venue, both UK wide and Internationally.

Since it's loss in 2016 it has been and remains a 'much loved' home lost to our sport at a time when venues are Nationally being lost to housing redevelopments and our sport.

As Governing organisations, we re iterate our full support to participate in and see an eventual return of Coventry Stadium for closed circuit motor sport if indeed that becomes a reality in the future.

I note in more recent documentation, some mis representation of one or two factors with regard alternative 'availability' of venues in the region which could not provide suitable 'replacement's '

1) Perry Barr stadium could not stage stock car racing as the venue is not suitable, space being the predominant issue, we as a promotion were actually offered the venue by our landlords to look into and was unsuitable and for the reasons I understand have been explained in the letter provided by the Birmingham speedway promoter Laurence Rogers.

2) Leicester stadium has also been looked into in some detail by the departing Coventry promotion as a potential replacement and I again, I understand the current tenants have responded that is unsuitable for the reasons outlined in the letter from speedway promoter / leaseholder Marc Bates

3) Trent Raceway is not an actual stadium and does not conform to the governing bodies standards and currently operates oval racing under the '14 day rule' .

5) Coventry Racing Club staged just one meeting at Stoke in 2017, not four as claimed by the developers. The others were staged at Sheffield, Belle Vue and Kings Lynn. Underlining the commitment of the governing body to facilitate 'time' for a return of the venue, colleagues 'helped' out Coventry Racing Club

The 'Save Coventry' committee it has to be recorded, has done sterling work in maintaining a vigil and comment to ensure the voice of fans and drivers continues to be heard in a bid to attempt to 'protect' the stadiums heritage with an eventual objective of seeing Brandon return to full operation and the importance of it's position within our sport.

Kind regards,

Steve Rees
Chairman BriSCA F1 & ORCi Ltd