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**Cornwall Council Planning,  
Dolcoath Avenue,  
Camborne, TR14 8SX.**

Date: .....

Dear Councillor German, Leader of Cornwall County Council,

As a supporter of United Downs Raceway, I write **objecting** to the planning application numbered **PA20/09415** for the commercial development, currently being processed by Cornwall County Council, for the following reasons:

- \* Cornwall County Council have reneged on the 10 year lease offered to the Stock car promoter in March 2019 following a six month tender process.
- \* The scheme will have a major negative impact on both the local community and the existing sporting tenants of Stock Car Racing.
- \* The historic United Downs Raceway first opened in 1962 as a go-kart track before converting to a Stock Car track seven years later in 1969. The Raceway use is enshrined.
- \* To this day it still hosts 15 meetings per year, mainly through the summer season when it serves as a tourist attraction, bringing in valuable tourism trade into the area.
- \* It is a much valued leisure facility used by several clubs from the local community, and brings people into the area from much further afield.
- \* Cornwall has had Stock Car racing in the county for 60 years, which has helped in the proud tradition of producing World Champions. Previously it was held at The Cornish Stadium in St Austell, and at Westworld at St Columb. This long history has been continued when racing began at United Downs Raceway in 1969.
- \* United Downs Raceway is the last Stock Car Racing track in Cornwall, after both the tracks in St Austell and at St Columb were lost to development. This track has been in existence for over 50 years, and has been an integral part of the community.
- \* The track provides a composite day - it is a sporting venue and a place for entertainment where families can enjoy a fun day out. It attracts drivers of all ages, from 7 to 11 year olds in the infant class, 11 to 16 year olds in the junior class, and 16+ in the adult class.
- \* The circuit contributes to the local economy - shops, garages, accommodation, campsites, suppliers of safety equipment, local plant hire firms, etc.
- \* Without a race track in Cornwall, the nearest venue is on the Devon-Somerset border. This scheme would be a disaster for grass roots motorsport, not only for Cornwall but it would have repercussions elsewhere in the U.K.

\* The cost of abandoning stock car racing will be in jobs, the loss of a leisure facility, the closure of supporting engineering businesses, and a very sad testament for Cornwall without a motor sport raceway.

\* In respect of the site being considered important by the heritage mining community, they have confirmed that the Raceway serves as the least harmful viable use of the site - It is a proven entity that operates within its permissions - Whereas the planned development would afford substantial cumulative harm to the site, according to the mining authorities.

\* The environmental impact of the distillery development is not in keeping with the area. Such futuristic buildings are a departure from the historic mining landscape of this region.

\* The planned demolition provides nothing as a leisure alternative within the area. It also fails to meet any of the three requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework Document (paragraph 97) that specifically talks about public sporting fields and stadiums.

\* If the site is to benefit from regeneration, any development of this site must be in line with current national sporting policy and include the existing sport currently enjoyed at the venue in Stock Car Racing.

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Please reject this planning application.

Signed: