

Paper Petition.

PETITION: Save Birmingham Wheels Park & Raceway

Lead petitioner : Paul Adrian Gerrard on behalf of INCARACE Ltd, the promoters of Short Circuit motor racing at Birmingham Wheels Raceway.

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Purpose of the Petition

To raise awareness of the importance of Birmingham Wheels Raceway as this has been identified for potential demolition within the Bordesley Park Area Action Plan.

Background information

This petition is calling on Birmingham City Council to:

- 1. Recognise the importance of Birmingham Wheels Raceway both as a sports venue in Birmingham and also to the sport of short oval racing acknowledging the Raceway meets proven need and demand for local, regional and nationally significant motorsport and provides an important venue for regular spectator events attracting large crowds.*
- 2. Recognise the Raceway provides - alongside other uses at Wheels - important adventure activities and experiences which are particularly attractive to younger people including those from disadvantaged communities.*
- 3. Recognise that the provision of the Raceway as a motorsport venue is a key component supporting economic activity in the automotive industry reflecting the skills and heritage of Birmingham in this sector.*
- 4. Pro-actively support and plan for the improvement of Birmingham Wheels Raceway as part of the Bordesley Park Area Action Plan and to reject options that would involve demolition of the Raceway.*
- 5. Recognise that in the event that the Raceway is to be demolished then an alternative facility of at least equal quality should be fully funded, constructed and operational elsewhere within the boundary of the City of Birmingham before activities at the existing facility are allowed to cease.*

Petition Format

The petition has been collected in late 2011 in two formats:

1. A paper petition made available at motor racing events at Birmingham Wheels Raceway and other venues
2. Using the City Council's epetition facility.

Signature Count

The total signature count is 3,455. It should be noted from the paper petition that the events at Birmingham Wheels Raceway attract participants and spectators from far and wide, even internationally, as well as local people. This underlines the importance of the venue and the activities as an important visitor attraction in its own right as well as an important sports venue.

The attached papers comprise:

- a) Original signed paper copies of the petition as follows:

Events held at Birmingham Wheels Raceway held during October and November 2011 – 1400 signatures (attached as Annex 1)

Events held at other tracks – 572 signatures (Annex 2)

- b) Epetition:

The epetition signature count of 1,483 signatures. This is attached at Annex 3.

Prepared by Incarace Ltd, 25 February 2012

e petition closed, 21 Dec 2011,

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Last 10 signatories

- karl grindrod
- ROSE GRINDROD
- Jeff donely
- Roger Martin Winn
- chris atkins
- Jamie avery
- Kyle Kirby
- Lee gergett
- Tina Wootton
- Kevin Wootton

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Signature Count

2263

Dialogue

The Council
says:

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Birmingham Wheels Raceway event held 22 October 2011 – 729 signatures

Birmingham Wheels Raceway event held 29 October 2011 – 55 signatures

Birmingham Wheels Raceway event held 5 November 2011 – 106 signatures

Birmingham Wheels event held 12 November 2011 – 23 signatures

Birmingham Wheels Raceway event held 19 November 2011 – 335 signatures

Birmingham Wheels Raceway event held 26 November 2011 – 152 signatures

Belle Vue event held 6 November 2011 – 27 signatures

Belle Vue event held 13 November 2011 – 15 signatures

Coventry Stadium event held 5 November 2011 – 152 signatures

Hednesford Hills Raceway event held 6 November 2011 – 43 signatures

Northampton International Raceway event held 23 October 2011 – 248 signatures

Northampton International Raceway event held 30 October 2011 – 62 signatures

Northampton International Raceway – 13 November 2011 – 25 signatures