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08 August 2025,

Dear Mr. Davies,

I wanted to offer my thanks to you as Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, for flagging the scrutiny of the proposed Bill to ban greyhound racing in Wales during your committee meeting on 17th July 2025. Despite the Welsh Government's intention to ban greyhound racing, the Valley Stadium continues to be an integral part of our community, supporting businesses and families who rely upon the track as a cornerstone of licensed greyhound racing in Wales.

Following the securing of our licence from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain in 2023, we have undertaken considerable and continued improvements both in terms of the facilities on offer and the standards we uphold. These improvements have allowed the Valley to be preserved as a community asset and cultural touchstone, while ensuring the highest standards of greyhound welfare.

Whilst the Minister himself has not visited the Valley Stadium to view these improvements first hand we would like to offer your Committee the opportunity visit the stadium. This would provide a vital opportunity to engage directly with those individuals and groups who are passionate supporters of greyhound racing, and who are devoted to improving the welfare of racing greyhounds. We believe this should be an important and integral part of the Bill scrutiny and consultation.

I would be very grateful for your consideration of the above, and we look forward to hearing from you and your colleagues in regards to our engagement as part of the consultation and scrutiny process. We would also welcome sight of the letter from the Business Committee, which outlines the timescales for the proposed introduction of the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Bennison
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