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From Max Reynolds, President of Greensforge Sailing Club My Registration no is 20015244

Thank you for the invitation to attend this meeting. I confirm that I do wish to attend, I will be in a group of 2 or 3 representing Greensforge.

Regarding the items on the agenda we wish to speak in particular on item `12 "The effect on recreational and leisure activity in the locality of the application site"

The principle points we wish to make are:-

- 1) The proposed development in its scope and content would result in significant changes to the wind in both strength and direction of the wind over our sailing area. This situation would be exacerbated by the turbulence created in random bursts. All of which leads to the risk of capsize and collision. As we regularly introduce the skills of sailing to cadets, scouts and disabled people of all ages these conditions can cause a loss of confidence in the beginner.
- 2) The extent and density of the Interchange is a massive intrusion on what has been a peaceful reservoir most suitable for sailing purposes. The GSC has proved a welcome haven for many beginners of all ages and conditions for over 60 years. People have learned new skills and gained confidence with this experience. We are known for our family friendly approach and willingness to welcome all types. We do not want to put this at risk.
- 3) We appreciate the involvement of RWDI in their initial assessment and the subsequent site visit and our discussion. We anticipate further investigations on their part which may lead to an equitable solution.

  Regards Max

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