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Michael L Garroway Esq.,
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Dear Michael,

I am delighted to see the great progress which you are making with the Appeal for the Cambridge Sport Lakes.

There is no doubt that the Rowing Course is increasingly needed because of the growing congestion on the Cam. It will be of huge importance to Cambridge sports in general, to the successes of the many local and college rowing clubs, and to the health of the local community if this lake is established.

It will also help to preserve and to make good use of the 220 acres of green open space, which would become accessible to the public, and this is of particular importance bearing in mind the location of the site between Cambridge and Waterbeach, and the projected growth of Cambridge.

It will be a huge boon to pupils at schools and to members of local clubs to have this combined sporting area on our doorstep, and I hope that you will soon be able to bring it into being.

All best wishes.


Michael J Marshall CBE, DL

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Mr. Michael L. Garroway,
Director of Resource Development,
Cambridge Sports Lake.

Dear Michael,

I was delighted to have the opportunity to review the extended plans for the Cambridge Sports Lake.

As you know, my main enthusiasm is for rowing and the Lakes would be of immense value to rowing in the area. It is now clear that the broader concept of the Sports Lake will make the facility equally valuable to many sports.

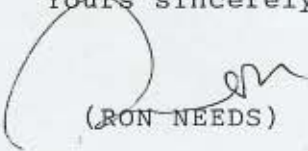
Cambridge is expanding and attracting a young population to work in the new research and commercial businesses which have been established in Cambridge. The Lakes could provide a first-class sporting and leisure facility close to the City.

I have noticed how Dorney Lake, near Windsor, designed for rowing quickly attracted many sporting events, rowing, canoeing, pentathlon. I believe that the Cambridge Lakes would have no difficulty in attracting major sporting events to the great benefit of Cambridge, enhancing its reputation and bringing more tourists.

It is an ambitious project but its wide scope will make it an extremely attractive facility for a broad spectrum of people.

I hope you will soon be able to begin work on the ground.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Dalley

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of a thoroughly worthwhile project, Cambridge Sport Lakes (CSL), which will be located between Milton and Waterbeach. I am well aware of the scheme from my conversations with Sir David Trippier who chairs the CSL Appeal and whom I know well. I am a board member of Cambridgeshire Horizons, another organisation Sir David chairs. It is my belief that CSL will offer many benefits to the region.

Against a background of steady expansion, CSL will be one of the country's largest multi-purpose outdoor parks with sport facilities and competition venues for rowing, canoeing, cycling, triathlon and angling. Located within 3.5 kilometres of the centre of Cambridge, 10 kilometres from Northstowe and surrounding proposed developments, the 235-acre recreational and sporting facility will be an attractive destination point where the public can enjoy walks and outings as well as experience the various sporting activities that will have a home at CSL. I am pleased that the entire park will be committed to serving the educational and leisure needs of this fast expanding community while preserving a vital piece of open space. For all these reasons I would expect it to meet the overall objectives of Sport England within this region.

As I am sure you know the East of England Development Agency is the driving force behind the economic growth and sustainable development of the East of England. We believe that an important component of the rapid expansion in the region will be to ensure that there are sufficient recreational and leisure resources accessible to the public. As the region expands, we support a planned approach to development that includes new and rejuvenated areas of extremely high quality where people are proud to live, work and visit. In this context, we recognise and support CSL as it will offer an unsurpassed resource for the region where recreational and sport opportunities will serve community needs ranging from schools, clubs and

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businesses. CSL will provide excellent facilities promoting health and exercise as well as providing a first class international competition venue in six sports.

Furthermore, we consider there to be considerable merit in the proposal to designate the CSL as a training and tune-up Centre in the East of England for the London 2012 Olympics, accommodating the needs of international athletes and drawing visitors to the region. CSL will offer East of England residents an opportunity to participate in the preparation and excitement of a "home" Olympic, adding to the improvement of tourism and the local economy and pride associated with this "once in a lifetime" experience. EEDA is working closely with Sport England to agree a strategic, regional approach to the Olympics which delivers the greatest economic and social benefits for the region. This includes securing preparation and training camps and other facilities. CSL will, of course, feature very prominently in this work.

We look forward to working closely with CSL to help secure the financial support required to realise the programme and fulfil its potential to serve the region for the long-term benefit of the East of England.

Yours sincerely



Steve Cox
Director General, Development

cc: Sir David Trippier
Chris Perks
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14 November 2005

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Dear Mr Dalley

Cambridge Sports Lakes

It was very encouraging to hear that work on the Cambridge Lakes project is progressing well and that your planning application is imminent.

The Amateur Rowing Association are fully supportive of this project. As part of the forward planning for 2012 we have included the Cambridge Lake on our list to LOCOG as a proposed training venue for guest nations in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The fact that you plan for this to be a FISA standard course does add greatly to not only your viability as an Olympic training site for rowing but also that it can be available and will meet a set criteria for other Olympic sports.

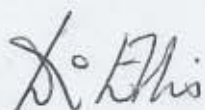
The ARA include the Cambridge Lakes project as a proposed national facility in their Facilities Plan and it is listed as an important development in the ARA Whole Sport Plan 2005 – 2009 which has been submitted to Sport England, this project is fully supported by the ARA Regional Rowing Council who see it as a priority for the region.

The multi-sport focus makes it very attractive and is something we have been encouraging as a National Governing Body of sport. The news that you have received two grants totalling £100,000 over three years from Sport England East towards Community Sport Coaches for rowing and triathlon in partnership with clubs and schools in the area is truly impressive and builds on the work I know you have been doing with rowing in the summer with City Sport in the City of Cambridge.

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I am pleased to see you have been given such strong written support by the East of England Development Agency as an important venue for recreation and community use, which confirms the views of the ARA which is that rowing is a sport for all.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ellis', written in a cursive style.

D.M.Ellis CBE
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Dear Michael,

Re:- Support for - Cambridge Sport Lakes Project.

The BCU is the governing body of canoeing in the UK. We represent 30,000 full members, a further 35,000 club members in our 642 affiliated clubs and the estimated 2.1 million casual recreational paddlers. We provide the framework, for our volunteers to run 100's of "Events" through out each year and run 7 World Canoe disciplines, plus the Olympic canoeing disciplines of Sprint and White Water Slalom.

The BCU sees projects such as yours as a fantastic resource for the Olympic discipline of Sprint paddling.

The ability to "Sprint" paddle over the Olympic and International distances in tranquil surroundings is rare in the UK. Your project is of particular interest to us for this reason. Though we can always do more, the BCU has been promoting Sprint Canoe courses away from the South of England for a long while now. Whilst happy that Canoe Sprint shares courses with rowing, we are concerned that those courses that have been built are concentrated in the South East with only one at Nottingham outside the South East.

Sprint Canoeing will never mature or expand until there are courses elsewhere in the country close to centres of interest and we are particularly pleased to see your ideas for making Sprint canoeing more available in Cambridge.

The BCU is particularly pleased to support your endeavours in this area and welcomes your interest in helping to facilitate our sport. Without initiatives such as this our sport would not be able to progress.

We hope you are successful.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Michael,

Cambridge Rowing Lakes

Since the House of Commons Reception that announced your ambitious scheme I have followed its progress with great interest. I have no hesitation in pledging the support of British Cycling to the project, and my staff and I will help in any way we can to bring it to fruition.

The development of traffic-free cycling facilities are key to British Cycling's long-term strategy for increased participation and continued success in the international arena. The promotion of events on the public highway is becoming more problematic due to the growth of motor vehicle traffic and a lack of appropriate safe facilities for young people to participate in cycling is a real barrier to increased participation in the sport.

Cycle Sport is a multi disciplinary activity encompassing road, track (i.e. velodrome), cyclo cross, mountain bike, bmx and cycle speedway. The branches of the sport cross fertilize each other, and the ideal is a facility that caters for them all, the best example at present being the proposed Eastway Velopark in the Lower Lee Valley which will be developed to cater for a range of disciplines on the same site. We have also realised the benefits of incorporating cycling facilities into more traditional Sports Centres, and have a number of circuits that work very well in conjunction with other sports. Also the benefits from having Cycling and Rowing co-habiting as two of the most successful UK Olympic Sports is extremely exciting from both a participation and excellence perspective.

The main requirements of a "velopark" are a tarmac road circuit, a hard banked track, a bmx track, cycle speedway track and for the off road disciplines of mtb and cyclo cross access to "interesting" terrain is all that is needed. This will enable the delivery of events, training, coaching and leisure cycling for riders of all ages and levels of ability. British Cycling has a structured programme of activity that can take a child from a playground right through to an Olympic podium, and everything in between.

The Cambridge Rowing Lake Velopark is ideally situated to become the British Cycling Regional Centre in East Anglia and the development of such a facility will unlock the potential of the area to produce not only international cyclists, but also leisure riders of all ages, abilities and levels of commitment.

If my staff or I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter A King".

Peter A King
Chief Executive



12 DEC 2005

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9th December 2005

Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of Cambridge Canoe Club in support of Cambridge Sport Lakes and the development of a 2000-metre regatta course, including facilities, between Milton and Waterbeach north of Cambridge.

Cambridge Canoe Club has enjoyed paddling on the River Cam since the late 1970's and has an established large and steadily growing membership. The club is located in premises adjacent to the river at Sheeps Green, Newnham, south of Cambridge and caters for a wide range of disciplines including flat and white water touring, slalom, canoe polo and flat-water racing. Throughout the summer, British Canoe Union (BCU) accredited courses introduce people to the sport and recreation of canoeing and may include junior, youth, senior and disabled participants from the local community. Once competent, members can enjoy canoeing individually, on the River Cam, or get more involved with group trips and/or races that are held locally or nationally.

Cambridge Canoe Club believes the creation of a 2000-metre international standard regatta course will be a major stimulus to local and regional flat-water canoeing. For a number of years the River Cam has seen a rapid increase in water sport participation and certain locations along the river have reached saturation, so much so that BCU-qualified instructors feel that some sections are no longer suitable for novice canoeists. To have a purpose-built facility, which can safely cater for the requirements of flat-water canoeing, will be a great addition to the services that Cambridge Canoe Club already offer to the local community. Although the regatta course will primarily cater for the discipline of flat-water marathon and sprint racing, there is already significant involvement by Club members in these disciplines, both locally and regionally, to immediately start making use of the extra capacity this facility will offer. In addition, it is hoped that Cambridge Canoe Club will be able to work with Cambridge Sport Lakes to develop a program of flat-water canoeing events that will cater for junior, novice and disabled (paddleability) paddlers through to national and potentially international level sprint and marathon racing athletes.

We wish you every success in your application to develop this exciting facility and are pleased to be associated with it.

Yours faithfully,

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Cambridge Sport Lakes

The CUBC strongly supports the Cambridge Sport Lakes. We consider that the existence of a 2000+m rowing course next to the Cam is a 'transformational' development that is of vital interest to every aspect of Cambridge rowing.

It will benefit College and Club rowing. The lesson of Nottinghamshire County Rowing Association which grew up on Holme Pierrepont was that if novices are training on the same piece of water as, say, World Champions, they set their sights higher, aspire to greater heights, observe and share in the methods of success much more easily than training in isolation with others of the same level. Completing a proper, modern training programme on the Cam is extremely difficult. Too many bends, stops, starts and disruptions. The pathway to the top would be much clearer if the water facility existed.

The Cam makes rowing in eights the popular and sensible option. It is a safer way to put large numbers of people on the water quickly, but it isn't always the best way to bring a crew on. The Lake would allow more small boat training, which helps with complex academic schedules. The planned Tank facility will enable coaches to run through technique issues more easily. Video and timing of crews would be easy as well. The presence of experts in other sports (triathlon, cycling etc.) and disciplines (nutrition, physio etc.) all together will create an "institute of sport" environment where the pooled knowledge will be of particular benefit to Clubs.

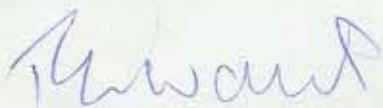
The Town Clubs, most of whose members have to train around full-time jobs, will benefit from much more space and the opportunity to train on the water after dark, something that is just too dangerous on the bendy Cam. Membership levels will be boosted by the jointly-funded CSL-ARA programmes for school-age kids.

The various Cambridge University Clubs are presently stuck between rowing on an overcrowded Cam and costly visits to Ely where they do not have good facilities. A nearby 3000m-long Lake will give them good training water with a vast saving in travel costs and, even more importantly, travel time. At times when the onerous academic schedule makes an Ely trip impossible, a visit to the close-by Lake would allow a session.

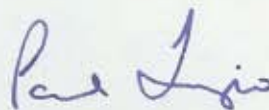
On the competition side such a facility could transform the region and we might enjoy large high quality regattas as do Dorney, Nottingham and Strathclyde, all of which are

World Championship venues. This brings in higher standards, leads to more organised and professional coaching and support for local crews. In short, the Lake would be a massive advertisement for rowing in the Eastern region.

There are many other reasons to support the Cambridge Sport Lakes - environmental, recreational, leisure, multi-sport and more. Here we have covered the ones that are of real interest to the future of the CUBC. We need this to happen and we urge all our members and supporters to help this project in any way that you can.



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Attn. Mr. M Garroway

Dear Michael,

Cambridge Rowing Lakes Project

I have been asked by the BMX Racing Eastern Region Committee to write to you regarding your project, which we have followed with interest as it includes the provision of a full specification BMX track.

Within East Anglia we currently only have one active National standard facility to the north with one more just coming on line in the east of the area and a third in the south of the region due to start building in 2006. If these three tracks could be supplemented with a fourth facility in Cambridge, being in the west of the region, we would be in a very healthy position to support one of the fastest growing cycling disciplines.

The other existing clubs in the Eastern Region who have lower standard facilities feel the ability to use a self-contained national specification track for coaching and practice would benefit their riders and club profiles. We understand that British Cycling have also shown great interest in the project as they are currently identifying potential sites to become Regional Coaching Centres with specialist coaches in each of the Olympic cycling disciplines, which of course now includes BMX Racing.

The provision of a multi discipline centre offering a range of outdoor sports and leisure activities in one secure area must be a major benefit to Cambridge and the surrounding area.

The BMX Racing Eastern Region Committee wish you every success with the project and are eager to offer assistance in the detail design and operation of the BMX facility.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Townsend
On Behalf of BMX East Anglia