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Dear Mr Bailey,

I am attaching a letter of support for the above Planning Application from the National Governing Body of the sport of Rowing, British Rowing.

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May I ask you to acknowledge safe receipt.

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Many thanks in anticipation.

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Best wishes

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1st March 2022

Mt Joshua Bailey Herefordshire Council.

Dear Mr Bailey,

Planning Application P212056/F Ross Rowing Club River Access Repairs and Upgrading

We are the National Governing Body for the sport of rowing in England and are writing in support of the planning application by Ross Rowing Club to upgrade and repair their water access.

Ross Rowing Club is a 'Not for Profit' Community Sports Club providing healthy sporting opportunities to all the town and its catchments.

It is managed by volunteers and any annual surpluses are ploughed back into equipment and premises renewals and maintenance, to ensure that all participants are provided with healthy recreational opportunities, at the lowest possible cost.

Ross Rowing Club is an open membership club and caters for all ages, genders and social backgrounds. Its attention to diversity and inclusion is excellent. It provides rowing for pleasure and also for those who wish to compete, it has a superb coaching structure. It has reduced membership rates for juniors and for those on low income or who are temporarily unemployed. Like many rowing clubs, it has the discretion to reduce or waive subscriptions.

In order to continue to ensure the safety of all users, the Club needs to upgrade and repair its water access in accordance with the current planning application.

This is an imperative to ensure the safe embarkation, and even more importantly disembarkation, of crews of all abilities to and from the River Wye.

The River Wye and the area served by Ross RC is to be envied and I have used this river many times in competition, over several decades. However, in all water sports, safety in all conditions must be the first consideration, and British Rowing applauds Ross Rowing Club for making the maximum effort to ensure the year round safety of its members and visitors.

We are supporting the planning application and ask you to grant permission to this constructive and sensible planning application.

Yours sincerely

Alan Meegan British Rowing Facilities