

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP****BRIGHTON NATIONAL SPEED TRIALS**

This Council notes that the historic Brighton National Speed Trials event, organised by the Brighton & Hove Motor Club, has been an integral part of the city's outdoor events calendar since 1905, when Sir Harry Preston persuaded the Town Corporation to lay a tarmac motor racing track between Black Rock and the Aquarium. This much-loved event attracts many visitors to Brighton & Hove and hence makes a significant contribution to the local economy.

This Council notes with concern the proposals to stop supporting the Brighton National Speed Trials on Madeira Drive and fears that if they are not given permission to take place; other motor vehicle based events such as the Veteran Car Run could also be put in jeopardy.

The Council believes that important historic events should not be removed from our annual calendar as this will destroy the heritage of our great City.

The Council further believes that efforts should be made to ensure that Madeira Drive continues to attract important motoring events, as well as many other diverse events, throughout the year and not replace any of them with new events that could easily be hosted in other areas of the city.

Therefore, this Council resolves to ask the Economic Development & Culture Committee to continue to support the staging of the Brighton National Speed Trials event in 2014 and beyond, by granting landlords consent to the Brighton & Hove Motor Club for the closure of Madeira Drive.

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