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To Whom It May Concern,

I trust this email finds you well and that you have had an enjoyable summer.

I'm writing to you in relation to a Technical Amendment Application which was submitted by Walshestown Restoration Limited requesting to surrender 23ha of restored agricultural land to facilitate the construction of an extension to the racetrack here at Punchestown Racecourse.

The proposed area to be surrendered from the licenced site boundary adjoins the racecourse and it was restored to agricultural land following the cessation of the quarrying activities. I have been informed that the Independent Closure Audit was completed and submitted in October 2022, and Mr Ciaran Cuddihy from the Office of Environmental Enforcement conducted a site visit in February 2023 and approved the ICA. The Technical Amendment Application was then subsequently submitted in March 2023.

On behalf of Punchestown Racecourse, I would like to seek your assistance to expediate this application as a matter of urgency as soon as you possibly can for which we would be very grateful. This is fundamental to enable us to commence construction works based on the planning permission that was granted in March 2021 as soon as we possibly can in 2023 as it's a project of significant strategic importance for the horse racing industry in Ireland to increase the fixture list for Irish Racing. Unfortunately, if the Technical Amendment to move the Red Line Boundary is not processed shortly, this will result in Punchestown Racecourse having to delay the construction of the Racecourse extension for another year which would have a significant impact on the operation of both Punchestown and indeed the wider horse racing industry. Furthermore, you would also envisage that it would negatively impact the construction programme and the costs, ultimately jeopardising the viability of the project. Therefore, any assistance or intervention that can be taken to ensure this is not the case would be extremely beneficial.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and indeed in advance for your support and cooperation which is greatly appreciated.

If you have any further queries or if I can be of any assistance in expediting this application further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

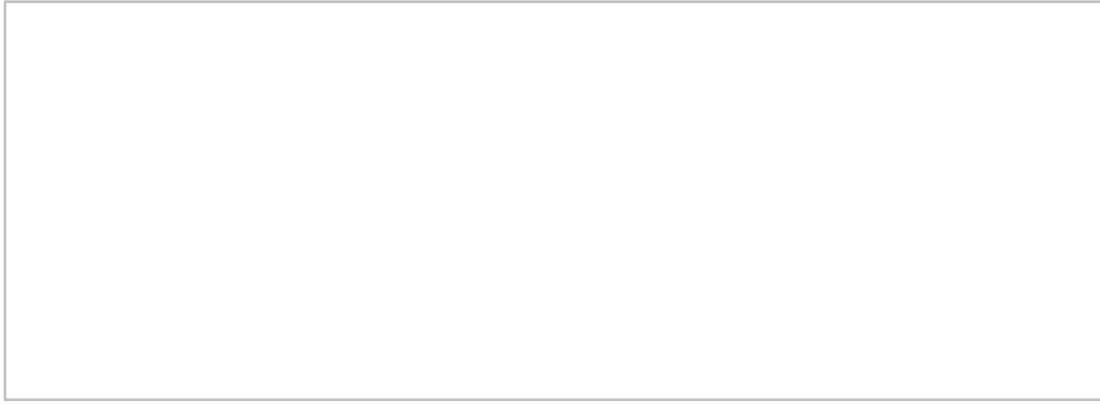
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