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Dear Ms Daniel

Tour of Britain 2020

I can advise that at its meeting held on 15 November, Bodmin Town Council has instructed me to write to express its strong support for the Tour of Britain 2020 and to request that Bodmin hosts the finish.

Bodmin is well placed to accommodate and host the finish given its strategic position within the County and this event would provide a platform to further embrace and encourage visits by bike. Bodmin has recently seen completion of the £7.5 Million Growth Deal investment which has delivered the low speed environment which includes improved cycle routes and links the town centre with the Camel Trail and the cycle hubs at Cardinham and Lanydrock whilst also offering local residents modal shift opportunities to school work and for leisure. It has also given a facelift to areas of the town that residents can no feel much prouder of and it has led to a renewed community spirit.

This event would be a much welcome boost for the local economy and will showcase the town's historic character and connectivity with other parts of the county, highlighting that Cornwall has much to offer. Bodmin is going through a period of exciting transformation and it would be a golden opportunity for the town to welcome this exciting cycle race and highlight this sport to a new generation. Local school children may well have heard about Bodmin being a cycle town and the Tour of Britain finishing in the town would be a firm marker to enhance that statement and deliver on the rhetoric.

Bodmin has a number of unique heritage / visitor attractions and museums within the town, including the largest parish church in the County. The town is enjoying a renaissance in an emerging cultural and community events offer and the Council is confident that this cycle event will be warmly embraced, welcomed and supported.

The Tour of Britain would be a unique opportunity for the community to showcase the town at a local, regional and national level and raise the profile of cycling amongst many local residents further cementing a positive and harmonious relationship between pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

In summary, Bodmin Town Council would strongly support a race which finishes in Bodmin. It is noted that an option which includes Bodmin as the host finish town would be as follows – race start in Penzance and to include St. Ives, Hayle, Camborne, Redruth, Falmouth, Truro, Newquay, St. Austell and the Eden Project and finishing in Bodmin.

Bodmin Town Council would strongly support this option or any route with Bodmin as the finish of this leg in Cornwall.

I look forward to your reply in due course.

Your kind assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S.M. Facer". The letters are stylized and cursive, with a small dot at the end of the signature.

S M Facer
Town Clerk