

PROPOSED STRATTON SPEEDWAY TRACK "REPRIEVE"

Swindon M.P. Told Refusal Decision Will be Re-examined

Mr. T. Reid, M.P. for Swindon, who supports the opening of a motor-cycle speedway track as being 'a manly sport free of betting.' Has been in correspondence with the Ministry of Town and Country Planning on the question of the proposed construction of a motor-cycle speedway track at Stratton St Margaret.

The Parliamentary Secretary in the Minister has now replied stating: 'Revocation procedure in this case was initiated by the Minister following representations made to him on the transport and agricultural grounds against the proposed speedway, but it should be made quite clear that this procedure is merely a method of securing a re-examination of the matter and that no final decision will be made by the Minister, until he has heard and considered the representations made by the Council, the promoters and either affected parties, who will all be afforded the opportunity to state their views at a public local enquiry to be held by the Minister's Inspectors.'

'The matter is thus sub judice and you will appreciate that in view of the Minister's judicial function I can at this stage offer no opinion as to the merits of the case.'

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