



16th June 2021

Dear Neighbour / Resident

Operational Use of the M-Sport Evaluation Centre Test Track

I am writing to inform you out of courtesy that our application reference ADD/2020/0001 has been approved by Allerdale Borough Council's Development Panel in a meeting held on 15th June 2021. This application was to approve final technical details contained within the Noise Management Plan (V3b) that were required before operational use of the M-Sport Evaluation Centre test track could commence. Operational use will commence in June 2021 and our operational calendar can be found here: www.mec-track.co.uk/calendar.

Like a lot of other businesses, M-Sport has suffered during the COVID pandemic, with work lost and some difficult decisions that had to be made. However I am confident the facilities we have to offer now that the Evaluation Centre is operational will allow us to attract new business and protect existing jobs, as well as bring new skills to the area and help to provide a boost to the local economy as a whole. M-Sport has invested heavily to make this project possible, with assistance from Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership and the Government's Regional Growth Fund. This significant investment just emphasizes how vital the M-Sport Evaluation Centre is to the future of the company and the importance of the test track becoming operational.

I understand that many of you have concerns about our use of the test track and the noise levels in particular. I want to reassure you that we are committed to operating within the conditions that have been developed in consultation with Allerdale Borough Council and their team of professional advisors during the planning process. Our use of the test track is essential to our future operations and therefore the consequences of not complying would be economically disastrous to M-Sport, there is no commercial rationale for us not complying with the approved conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Katie Ridley as the Track Controller who will ensure compliance with the approved conditions/NMP (V3b). Katie holds an institute of Acoustics Certificate of Competence in Environmental Noise Measurement qualification and has been heavily involved in this application. If you wish to contact Katie or one of her team regarding our use of the test track, you can do so in one of the following ways:

- **By completing the contact form on the Contact page of the website www.mec-track.co.uk**
- **By leaving a voicemail message on the Track Control answerphone, telephone number 01900 898 999**
- **By emailing the Track Controller at community@m-sport.co.uk**

Katie or one of her team will respond to you within the timeframes detailed in the NMP.

The website www.mec-track.co.uk is a dedicated website created specifically to provide the community with information about our track use. As well as the contact form and calendar, it includes:

- calibration certificates for the noise monitoring system;
- summary noise data from each day of track use; and
- the number of noise category days we've used during the year.

It is important to me that going forward we can maintain a good relationship between M-Sport and the local community. Therefore I wish to once again emphasize our commitment to operating the track in compliance with the Noise Management Plan (V3b) and Condition 6.

Yours Faithfully

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