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Dear Yvonne,

I am writing to you as Head of Business Development at British Water Ski & Wakeboard (The National Governing Body of water skiing, wakeboarding and related disciplines) to show our full support to the planning application for the cable wakeboard facility at Comeston Lakes Country Park.

The development of the two-tower cable system, together with changing facilities and wake park reception at Comeston Lakes will provide Vale of Glamorgan with a high-quality facility that will cater for all ages and levels of ability. The centre will have a qualified and licensed coaching team that will offer fun, safe and effective coaching. The high level of coaching provision and the pathway for participation will ensure continued participation and progress for Vale of Glamorgan residents.

Comeston Lakes Wake Park will be fully Accredited to British Water Ski & Wakeboard and will deliver our programmes that are endorsed and recognised by bodies such as UK Coaching, Sport England and SportScotland. Our Accreditation acts as a "Kite Mark" standard that offers peace of mind to parents and participants that the park is safe, fit for purpose and endorsed by the governing body, giving the park more opportunity to work with schools, groups and local authorities etc.

Cable wake park facilities have made our outdoor alternate sport of water skiing and wakeboarding much more accessible to community programmes and schools based on cheaper participation. Operators of other Accredited cables in the country have demonstrated the significant impact a wake park can make to a community not only in terms of regular active participation but also in terms of regeneration, employment, education, social integration. We believe that the operators of the Comeston Lakes application will have a similar impact for the Vale of Glamorgan area.

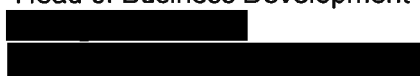
The development at Comeston Lakes will directly support our plans for increased facilities and participation written in our corporate strategy, vision and our targets set by our funding providers. There is an identified need for cable wakeboard facilities in South Wales (the nearest wake park being in the Cotswolds) and the introduction of the Cable Park at Comeston Lakes will give residents of Vale of Glamorgan (as well as Penarth and Cardiff) an affordable, family oriented outdoor recreation option not yet currently available.

We fully support the development of this project and if you require any further information / support then feel free to get in touch.

Kind Regards



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