

**From:** Maggie Higgins  
**Sent:** 28 August 2020 13:04  
**To:** George Smith  
**Subject:** Wroxton MX Track: Ref 20/02126/CLUE

Dear Mr Smith

Further to our email sent to you earlier today, in which we forwarded on previous correspondence with Nick Addis (CDC Planning Enforcement Officer), we would like to take this opportunity to express our further concerns, having read the Supporting Documents in respect of the above. We would also like to point out that when we expressed our objections earlier this year, we were at no time made aware that CDC had investigated this operation in 2018 and had decided that it was in effect a "closed case" as far as planning enforcement is concerned. How could that conclusion have been reached and why was it not communicated to us and other villagers, who raised concerns in 2019 and 2020, or to the Hornton Parish Council?

During 2020, there have been 3 events at the Wroxton MX Track, all of which were hired out and none of which were dedicated to the Banbury MX Club as such. These were as follows: 5 July, Severn Valley; 25/26 July Severn Valley; and on 22/23 August, the track hosted the BSMA "Champion of Champions" National Final. At the latter, we witnessed a crammed camping/camper van field (from the Thursday, 20 August) with an overspill extending even over the already extended boundaries of the site, which have been enlarged over the last few years. We also worry about the social distancing/Covid restrictions being managed at the latter national event, especially as it was focused on families and schoolboy riders, coming from all over the country, 2 weeks or so before they are due to go back to school.

We would also like to point out that the photographs in the Supporting Documents showing the race track are ill-defined/fuzzy, taken at a long distance and appear to show that there has been little, if any, change in the size, shape and contours of the track. We know from close personal observation over several years, walking our dogs on the public footpath that runs alongside the MX ground, that the area has expanded and been developed significantly and that there is hardly any grass remaining on the site. Furthermore, in April 2020 (during Coronavirus lockdown), we witnessed significant earth movements and further major track enhancements and have photographs to corroborate this activity. Suffice to say, in around the last 4 years, we have experienced the site growing in size, circuit sophistication as well as an increase in the scale and frequency of the events it hosts.

We cannot understand how a rural MX facility that, in its LDC submission, is freely admitting to having ignored the planning enforcement rules to date is now being given the opportunity to continue at a greater scale, more frequently, with no penalty and for ever. We have lived in Hornton for over 30 years and have never been so concerned about a planning issue of this kind to such a degree before - one which will affect the everyday lives of villagers and neighbours through the intolerable noise it generates over many weekends.

Your consideration and response to the above would be appreciated. We very much hope that common sense and justice will finally prevail in the outcome of this LDC application.

Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs A Higgins