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To: George Smith
Subject: Wroxton MX track

Good Afternoon Mr. Smith

We live in Hornton, approximately one mile north of the site of Wroxton MX track. We first wrote to Mr N Addis on the 4th September regarding the expansion of the site, but did not receive any reply.

This is a copy of our original letter:

Dear Sir

We understand that you are currently considering the operating methods of the Wroxton Motocross Track run by Mr Brian Pounder on land adjacent to Hornton village.

We have lived in Hornton for 30 plus years and have therefore been tolerantly aware of the various clubs and activities in the local area. Up until the last couple of years these local clubs; shooting, gliding, go-kart and the motocross, have all caused minimal noise and disruption.

We are, however, extremely concerned about the gradual and profound changes in use of the motocross track. It started off as a hobby track, but over the last couple of years it has expanded dramatically. We know for a fact that it has hosted at least two International race weekends as well as prestigious British race meetings. Consequently the vehicles have become much more powerful and noisy and, of course, much more numerous. In addition what used to be a temporary ad hoc campsite now holds hundreds of huge camper vans, caravans and transporter vehicles more akin to a full-blown holiday park. The site (does it have mains drainage?) must surely have also changed in order to provide refreshment, toilet and shower facilities for so many people when we always understood that the organisers did not have permission to build there.

Visitors begin to arrive on the site on the Friday of race meetings and leave late on Sunday when presumably the clearing up begins, which means that the site is now in use for three if not four days a week rather than the day of the races. In addition to this the number of meetings has increased from 14 spread out over the year, to the point where during the summer the noise and disruption has been more like every other weekend.

We appreciate that the organisers have taken care to direct their visitors away from the village and only access the track from the Stratford road side of the village, and that they pick up any roadside litter. This access road, however, was one of the small local roads not designated for regular repair and so its increased use by heavy vehicles has resulted in considerable damage to the road edges and surface.

We are extremely concerned that if left unchecked it will only be a matter of time before the organiser erects a grandstand, clubhouse, restaurant and bar or some other sort of built facility. In that case there would also be an increase in the existing loudspeaker/tannoy noise, and the growth of the track would continue unabated. We very much fear that a full scale racetrack is likely to grow by stealth on our doorstep unless some sort of controls are put in place.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we sincerely hope that you will give our objections due consideration.

Yours faithfully

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