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Sent: 01 September 2020 09:38

To: George Smith

Subject: 20/02126/CLUE

Dear Mr. Smith,

Please find attached my letter to yourself concerning an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the Moto Cross Track near Hornton. I would like my submission to be included into the public objections to the application being made for the track please.

Yours Sincerely,

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To. Mr. George Smith MSc.,
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30 August 2020

REF:- 20/02126/CLUE: Wroxton Motocross Track LDC application

"Unauthorised change of use of land from agricultural to motorsport with significant intensification over recent years and erection of timber fence"

Dear Mr Smith,

Background

I have lived in my present home in Hornton for over 40 years – ie. prior to 1981 which is claimed to be the date that the scramble track was “created”. If this date is correct, then for many years the track has not been used for large-scale commercial purposes: it could only have been for private, local-scale and irregular small gatherings as this would explain why the track has operated relatively unnoticed by villagers – or at least at tolerable noise levels and scale.

Present

The first signs of activity of any significance were, I recall, when notices were put up on the Stratford Road under the name of “Banbury Moto X Club”. According to the list of meets listed in the track's LDC submission, this was 2009 when, presumably, the Banbury club officially started to use the track for race meets.

In the past four years or so, most certainly not ten, the track has undergone extensive expansion. Earth moving equipment moved in to facilitate upgrading the track well beyond the circuit that existed there before. The site is now accommodating not just a local club circuit, nor a regional circuit, but national and international events. The expansion of this track has attracted much larger gatherings, leading to expanded weekend camping on site, an increase in the number of meets these past four years or so and, consequently, much more invasive noise emanating from the area.

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Question 5.

They claim up to 24 days per year. That means basic '14/28 day permitted use' has been ignored. So how can Cherwell District Council's Planning Enforcement team, in 2018, have found no cause to investigate further? Also, the 'practice' session label can stretch to cover any motocross meet and an unlimited number of occasions. Wholly unacceptable.

Question 6.

I would dispute the details of the claim on the grounds that the usage of the site has altered drastically within the last four-five years;- no more - and most certainly not 10 years. This, I would respectfully suggest, represents a clear change of use and a significant degree of intensification and, therefore, I would urge that planning permission be curbed, thereby fairly restricting future activities.

Question 7.

With regard to material change of use, I believe the answer to be glaringly obvious, in that the site was substantially converted from a local club circuit to a national and international venue. A vast material change.

I therefore dispute the claim there has been no change of use, far from it.

Noise levels of course are another major imposition for our community. Please refer to my correspondence to Mr. Addis of Cherwell Planning Enforcement dated June 2020, a copy of which I have also sent to you.

In conclusion, I would like my objections - in the form of this letter and my previous letter to Mr.N Addis - to be included in the public objections to the application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the Motor Cross Track adjacent to Hornton village.

Your sincerely

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