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Sent: 01 September 2020 09:22

To:

Cc: George Smith <George.Smith@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Please verify for Cherwell DC your original complaint letter re Wroxton Motocross Track

Dear Mr. Smith,

I confirm that the correspondence below is my letter to Mr. Nick Addis, Planning Enforcement Officer, CDC.,

on the 11th June 2020., and would like my objections to be taken into public account in the Lawful Application Certificate

process concerning the Motor Cross Track near Hornton.

Thank You,

Yours Sincerely,

John Wright.

June 2020: John Wright to Nick Addis, CDC, copied to HPC's Clerk

Re: Banbury (Wroxton) Motocross Track.

For many years now, Banbury Motocross events have been operating at Wroxton MX track, near the village of Hornton, as I'm sure you are aware. The effects, in terms of noise and traffic, of the meetings have always been something of a nuisance since the first years of its running. Sadly, the problem has worsened over the last few years and reach a peak in 2019. The prospect of bike racing resuming after lockdown has finally prompted me to write to you to register my views on the matter.

There are a number of issues I find disturbing:

- *Seemingly, limitations on the overall number of events have, for a long time, been breached, far exceeding the 14 days generic limit, and the land does not revert to agricultural use in between.*
- *The events now have grown from a series of local Banburyshire and regional activities into international championships and major competitions for all ages; without planning permission or a licence being applied for, I assume.*
- *Do the permissions controlling such events allow for weekend camping? If not perhaps another example of flouting the rules!*
- *As the number of events has grown so has the number of participants and spectators – apparently, now well over 1000 people for the larger events.*
- *Noise levels have consequently risen considerably and are now very intrusive.*

- *Noise created (engines and tannoy) affects all of Hornton village - you cannot escape the problem, including at my home: I believe the truth of that is borne out by the geographic position of my property in xxx, sheltered by a 600-foot-high hill called Holloway.*
- *Equally, the sound of the races echo and reverberate around the valley in which Hornton sits. There is no escape short of staying indoors, most unsatisfactory.*
- *Access to and from the meetings is far from adequate and potentially hazardous. In particular, the exit from the site is only yards away from a blind bend.*
- *The approach roads are far too narrow for such large vehicles (camper vans, support vehicles and trailers) and the number involved. Ultimately, the roads and grass verges are getting damaged. Much to my annoyance, I have been forced off the road during the exodus of such large vehicles in convoy, on more than one occasion.*

To conclude, it must be quite obvious that I am far from happy about the present situation that I and others in our community have had thrust upon us. There has been no consultation about any of the scaling up or impact on the village and, I understand, the track manager is dismissive of the effects on us.

It is hoped that my views will have some effect on the outcome of any planning decisions to be made concerning the future of the Banbury (Wroxton) Motocross Track. I respectfully urge that planning permissions be curbed and thereby activities reduced, rather than allow any further expansion of the business.