

Comment for planning application 20/02126/CLUE

Application Number	20/02126/CLUE
Location	Wroxton Motorcross Track Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HH
Proposal	Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use for the use of the land for a mixed use of agriculture and as a motorcross track with race meetings for up to 24 days a year (excluding set up, preparation, clear up and private practice sessions)
Case Officer	George Smith
Organisation Name	
Name	Simon Protheroe
Address	The Glen, Millers Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BS
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>We have lived in Hornton for thirteen years, having been drawn to the area by its peaceful and beautiful setting. When we arrived in the village we were fully aware of the MX site and the occasional meetings held there, considering the provision of a healthy leisure activity for local youngsters along with the attendant noise an acceptable compromise in such a rural setting. The last few years have seen the conditions under which the site has been operated change quite dramatically, with the organisers having openly flouted planning and licensing rules in order to create what is quite evidently a major unregulated and unlicensed commercial venture. How have CDC allowed themselves to be so flagrantly hoodwinked into not taking seriously the obvious changes in the character and nature of this site? - This is a flagrant misuse of agricultural land - The organisers admit to disregarding permitted use rules allowing for 14 days a year - The vastly increased levels and nature of traffic in recent years have resulted in road surface damage, verge degradation and worryingly reduced levels of road safety during arrivals/departures. The road approach from the A422 to the site entrance simply doesn't provide an appropriate infrastructure for the scale of the events now being organised at this site; the increase in both the size of the vehicles and the number must surely pose a number of worrying road safety issues. - With race meetings having now increased in size, scale, length and level of participation the noise pollution in the village can no longer be considered an acceptable compromise for providing local youngsters with a healthy outdoor pursuit. This site has moved way beyond its original purpose of a local event for local young enthusiasts, to being one of the top sites in the country, hosting national Masters events and claiming even to attract riders from abroad. Races meetings now include bigger, noisier, more polluting bikes - and a lot more of them. I am extremely concerned that CDC investigations into the site were not communicated to residents of the locally affected villages, especially in light of there already having been a number of complaints and concerns communicated to the council at that time. Let's hope that CDC start taking the anxiety of its residents being denied quiet enjoyment of our home and environs seriously. This planning application has the potential to create a fully commercialised permanent racing site blighting our 'outdoor' months of the year entirely, and must be rejected.</p>
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