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**Subject:** Ref 20/02126/CLUE

Dear George

Please receive below my submission regarding the above application. I am a near neighbour (approximately two miles directly) of the MotoCross track, and I wish to object to any granting of a Lawful Development Certificate.

I have lived at this address for nearly six years and became aware of MotoCross events during the first summer in residence.

At that time there was less of a noise problem and events were over a six months period.

However, during 2017 I was approached by a neighbour, as a Parish Councillor, who wished to ask HPC to make a complaint about the increase in noise and frequency of track days. This I duly did, adding that our location close to the ridgeway made the changes more discernible.

Since then, and until Covid, the noise and frequency both increased.

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 provides for temporary use of land, subject to conditions and restrictions, of which Class B of Part 4 to Schedule 2 states that,

“ the use of any land for any purpose....in any calendar year, of which **not more than 14 days in total** may be for the purposes of : (b) motor car or motorcycle racing including trials of speed **and the practicing for these activities.**”

Well, the MotoCross track broke the above condition in both 2018 and 2019, even boasting on social media about their ‘ new Winter programme’.

As neighbours the owner and users of this track have shown clear contempt for both the law and their local neighbours. As a neighbour I do not object to events that have 14 days or less total duration or less than 32 riders per event. I do object to the application for an unlimited use of this facility for both race and practice days, with little or no definition of what this would entail.

As applied for, the unlimited use of this track would both lower the amenity value of homes and countryside over a large area, and effectively lower the value of residential properties for several miles around.

This is not an enterprise for local recreation: it is a commercial undertaking operating on a national and international basis.

Kind regards

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