

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	Kevin Wain
Address	The Swallows,Eastgate,Hornton,Banbury,OX15 6BT
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Madam/Sir, One always appreciates that people need a place to fulfill their hobbies, business or sport, Hornton is a very supportive and tolerant village, having lived here for 62 years I feel qualified to comment on how this village has evolved over the years. In that respect we have lived happily side by side with the Motocross track over many years, small local and regional meeting caused a level of noise and disturbance that were, in most cases, acceptable over a few weekends through the year. This though has escalated to a level that has become unacceptable to the majority of the village and those surrounding the track. Some suggest that nothing has changed, but when things are changed over a number of years it's easy to forget where you started from. The track, the competitors, the surroundings, the equipment used to excavate the track, (still taking place), the motor-homes, the bikes, the length of time of each meeting, the frequency of meetings, the dust, noise, damage to the roads in and out of the track have indeed all changed over the last few years. Not one big jump, but small steps over many years have had a detrimental effect on the life and expected pleasure at living in this small rural village. After a busy week working enjoying the piece and quiet of this environment, we now have motor-homes arriving on a Thursday, we have motorbikes from early Saturday to through to Sunday. We have the continual announcements over the PA, we have the load roar of the bikes at the start as they give full throttle to get to the top of the hill which subsides to a constant and very annoying drone for the rest of the race. A short gap before it all repeats again and again through the weekend, conversations in the garden have to pause at the start and then are raised through the race. We now learn that this was operated without permission and operates under "permitted use" rules which allow up to 14 days racing a year. So if nothing has changed why do CDC suddenly invite the owner to apply for a Lawful Development Certificate (LDC)? Nothing has changed? Or perhaps realising a dereliction of duty and not responding the the increased level of complaints over the last few years CDC thinks it needs to put it's house in order. Unfortunately not considering all those that live around it, perhaps someone has a level of influence with some person at the council! Not that I'm pointing any fingers but it seems strange that the concerns of the village was not taken more into consideration. I'm happy to live with the level of disruption we had when the track started but I'm unsure why CDC is so in favour of increasing the specification of this track and thus the disruption to residents when it clearly doesn't bring any advantages in for either the council or the residents. I'm sure CDC will see sense and restrict the the track and it's organisers to the level of competition it had at the the first few years.</p>
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