

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	Sir David Gilmour FRSL
Address	Barn House, Well Lane, Alkerton, Banbury, OX15 6NL
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>CPRE Cherwell strongly objects to the Motocross track's application for a Lawful Development Certificate. It is rare in modern times to see so stark an issue: the wellbeing of a village community versus the inconsiderate ambitions of a landowner who lives sufficiently far away to be unaffected by the noise and disturbance she is inflicting on others. The actions of the applicant and the track manager have in recent years been unlawful and reprehensible. Although they claim that only small changes and improvements have taken place, this is shockingly untrue - as dozens of objectors have already pointed out. I have lived in a neighbouring village (Alkerton) for ten years and can personally attest that - without permission - the track has got wider, the bikes have got bigger, the meetings are much more frequent, and the noise has become intolerable to Hornton and its surroundings. A large meeting yesterday (September 20), which was not on the 2020 schedule, ruined a lovely late summer Sunday for hundreds of people spread over a large area extending from Horley to Shenington. Apart from blighting the lives of so many residents, the track is also having highly detrimental effects on local businesses (such as a restaurant, a B&B and a local farm). In July Cherwell District Council produced its review of the Local Plan to 2040, which stressed the importance of protecting 'valued landscapes' and 'areas of tranquillity'. CPRE has publicly welcomed this approach, together with the suggestion that the Council would 'protect those areas which are relatively undisturbed by noise'. The two areas CDC suggest for protection are Otmoor and the Ironstone Downs, in which Hornton is situated. After stating such admirable aspirations, it would surely be impossible for the Council to approve this application? It would be a strange contradiction of the ambitions set out in the Local Plan review. It would also be strange to reward the landowner and the track manager for years of unlawful activity. Sir David Gilmour Chairman CPRE Cherwell District</p>
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