

# Comment for planning application 20/02126/CLUE

<b>Application Number</b>	20/02126/CLUE
<b>Location</b>	Wroxton Motorcross Track Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HH
<b>Proposal</b>	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)
<b>Case Officer</b>	George Smith
<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Cindy Koberl
<b>Address</b>	Tourney House, Bell Street, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6DB
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>In reply to Mr Pounder's communication dated 17.9.20 on this portal, we believe that he is not representing the situation accurately. 1. The track's petition. We believe the premise for the petition is misleading and, therefore, irrelevant to the LDC process - in that the petition is to "save the track". Ms Pounder in her post to start the online petition refers to the need to fight a petition "by locals to close the track" - a complete fabrication. There is no such "locals' petition" nor is there a call to close the track. The intent of those opposing the granting of the LDC is to return the operation to the permitted 14 days usage on agricultural land. Rather, the locals' views posted on this portal are a response to the LDC application by the track that CDC have invited them to submit. The local residents are responding within the CDC process, specifically to the track's proposal that they be allowed to hold 24 race meetings per year plus unlimited practice days and set-up/clear-up days. All a long way from the 14 core days of permitted use on agricultural land. The intent of those opposing the LDC application is that the track returns to operating at the permitted level that has been tolerated by local residents for many years. 2. Noise readings in Hornton. Mr Pounder claims to have made regular noise checks in Hornton. We have never seen anyone from the track taking readings except in 2019 reportedly once when the issue of noise was raised by the village. Nor have any readings ever been shared with the Parish Council when we have complained about noise directly to him and the landowner. Why did he not share this evidence then? Where is the evidence, recorded on what equipment, independently verified by whom and where and when recorded? Who was it communicated to? (Mr Pounder states that this on-going monitoring is known...has someone at CDC been receiving these readings over the years?) The clear, consistent testimony from residents, not just in Hornton, is that severe noise pollution is the most critical issue, influenced by the topography and, critically, by the prevailing wind conditions. 3. Fixture numbers. We question the event numbers Mr Pounder claims and again would want clear evidence providing to CDC. It is not disputed that 14 days racing and 14 days set-up/clear-up are allowed as long as the track is returned to agricultural use between times. However, once again, the view from those suffering locally is of more and noisier meetings, on a larger scale on the last few years. There has been a material change from a generally local track to one hosting large national events and it being hired out to clubs from across the country. In the last few years the substantial and continuing engineering works is evidence of the change in the track's intended commercial appeal and, therefore, use. We will be submitting documented evidence of this. Cindy Koberl on behalf of Hornton Parish Council Clerk to Hornton Parish Council</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	