

Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

Application Number	21/00517/F
Location	Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX
Proposal	Creation of a motocross track and soft landscaping scheme and the change of use of agricultural land to hold moto-cross events including set-up, take down and private practice sessions, with associated camping site, for up to 65 days per year and agricultural grazing (retrospective)
Case Officer	George Smith
Organisation Name	
Name	Clinton Smith
Address	West Lynne, West End, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6DA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am writing to you to express my dismay over the noise and disruption caused by the expansion of the moto cross races on weekends near Hornton. I have lived here now for ten years and have noticed a great increase and expansion of the events. I thought they were only supposed to race for one day each weekend during their 14 events. I can assure you that that is certainly not the case. The constant racing and tannoy noise starts Saturday morning and carries on until Sunday afternoon. If they are permitted to actually run moto bikes noisily on one day only then that would account for 7 events. However, there seems now to be an event every other weekend. The proposal of 65 days use3 would equate to 32 weekends of constant noise close to a residential area. Surely this cannot be right. I read in the Banbury Guardian sometime ago that the event organiser came to Hornton to check the noise and believed it was no louder than a blackbird call. I found this insulting. There is an obvious difference between the natural sounds of birds singing and the constant loud mosquito like drone of industrial vehicles. Perhaps he loves the drone of these petrol belching machines and finds it soothing. The rest of us, who chose to buy houses and live in a quiet village environment, certainly do not. I have also noticed how disruptive the event seems to have become. There used to be a handful of trucks and vans located near the tracks. Now the vans and trucks line the whole horizon as far as they eye can see across that big field. A friend of mine thought it looked like a big music event or festival when they came to visit recently. We have never been consulted about the obvious expansion of the event or the increase in the number of noisy racing days. I must assume therefore that the event organisers have little or no respect for the impact of their noisy and polluting event. In this world of global warming, I feel it is obscene that these organisers wish to just keep expanding this petrol driven pollution and the local council seems to just accept it blindly. The run off from the track feeds directly into a small brook which eventually feeds major rivers. If you allow the expansion of these polluting events, history will hold you to account. On Friday afternoons as we enter the village now we can find ourselves in a traffic jam of large trucks and vans. I notice as well that once they have left there are empty beer bottles and cans and MacDonalds packaging strewn in the hedges. I am not making this plea as a "nimby", but rather as an environmentally aware and concerned local tax payer. Action must be taken to send a message that Cherwell District Council protects the rights of local citizens and believes in limiting pollution (both noise and environmental).</p>
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