## 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

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**Address** 

Cromwells, Eastgate, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BT

**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

Comments

You will not find a picture of sheep in this objection. Nor will you find one in the applicant's entire collection of planning documents. Not one token picture of a sheep. Only lots of pictures of motorbikes and camper vans. How so? This is apparently a site, they claim, where the applicant wants 300 days of agricultural use, specifically for grazing sheep. The reality is that there has been no real agricultural use on this track land for several years. Without grass sheep do not generally thrive. The decline in mixed land use has coincided with the site being re-engineered as a huge, permanent dirt track. The same permanent track that the applicant described in their Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) submission some four months ago. Everything they said then, in a bid to be granted an LDC, was accurate: the land is not restored, nor realistically can it be, given the massive earthworks and other permanent structures. So we have a situation where the applicant is saying one thing to Cherwell District Council (CDC) in autumn 2020, when they thought it would secure them an LDC, and reversing their story in March 2021, when it is expedient to do so. The reality is that the owner has developed a massive commercial site - hired out nationally, no longer primarily a local track. They have repeatedly shown scant regard for planning rules, disrupting watercourses and ignoring the damage done to the landscape, environment and quality of life of those unfortunate enough to be neighbours. This needs stopping now. It's an important planning precedent. CDC have a fair set of rules and objectives. It is difficult to see any that this application does not either contravene, ignore or ride a coach and horses through. CDC have a duty of care to residents, who do generally play by the rules and expect others to do the same.

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