

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	Peter Bebb
Address	Old Red Lion, Millers Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BS
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I STRONGLY OBJECT TO: PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 21/00517/F : Since moving to Hornton seven years ago we did notice the noise from the MX track even though we are quite a distance away. The track has increased in size and we have noticed the sound getting louder over the years. Certainly at points whereby we would just go back indoors as it is obtrusive and in certain weather conditions the sound really does travel. The MX sound is unbearable. The sound report undertaken by the owners contradicts all known evidence for sounds waves, I am shocked that they managed to get that commissioned. It is common knowledge that sound is affected by weather. There are countless scientific papers supporting this fact. Just Google it. The sound pollution now is too much, I also noticed that the sound report undertaken by the owners once more supports the fact that it is with guidelines, but guidelines for what exactly - inner city ambient noise levels or countryside. As birdsong and lawn mowers is all you hear on a summer's day in Hornton and MX bikes drown all that out. Aside from noise pollution which is the main issue I have there is also the increased traffic. Huge RV vehicles and trucks clogging up the road and tearing up the grass verge as they are far too big for our lanes. Also I must add an incident whereby my pregnant wife at the time was almost run in to the verge from a MX truck refusing to give way. I was in the car at the time and we were both quite shook up by the event. The issue I most object to is the owners (Kerwood's) live too far away to be affected by the traffic and noise pollution generated from their MX track. So I would argue they do not care. The same notion applies to the only letters of support from the MX riders. They do not live here, they come and make a din, tear up the roads and then return home. We are the resultant sufferers for their pastime. I am in shock and dismay that intensification and expansion of the track/event days has taken place without any planning application/permission. Track operators have knowingly ignored and abused the planning system by operating well beyond the basic 28 (14+14) days allowed under 'Permitted Development Rights' Hornton Parish Council, in September 2020, submitted an objection to the Lawful Development Certificate application by track landowner, Mrs S Kerwood - and, thanks to our evidence, the application was withdrawn before otherwise being refused. I am also concerned that Cherwell District Council (CDC) have been very slow in taking enforcement action. Concern at the impact on wildlife and the watercourse that is a tributary of the Sor Brook. CDC's Building Control Service Manager, Tony Brummell, has advised that there have been breaches of the Land Drainage Act in that unauthorised works have happened in damming and draining the watercourse. By comparison with the refused Hornton Grounds Quarry application (Ref 20/02453/F) in 2020, the MX Track proposals are considered of even greater harm and threat, to both the local community and the surrounding landscape/nature conservation. It is with these substantial reasons that I object to the planning application and we are in full support of both our Parish Council and their Environmental and Legal Advisors.</p>
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