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Dear Mr Smith

Re: Planning Application Ref 21/00517/F
“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)”

I'm writing again to register my objection to the latest attempt to get a National/International Motocross track established at the Wroxton Heath venue.

I have lived in the village of Hornton for over 60 years, and my family for much longer. We have had bike tracks for local clubs in the area for many years at both Wroxton and Horley. We have co-existed for a long time with these tracks as they were small scale events for local groups enjoying a Sunday hobby. Now the owners are trying to establish a major event track that will operate throughout the year, drawing clubs and riders from all around the country, and if they get their way, all around the world. So, during the best months of the year our weekends will be enjoyed with a constant background of racing dirt bikes and tannoy announcements. Loud roars as all the bikes race away together, then the constant drone as they race around the track. We get a slight lull as the next group get prepared and move to the start line. Then off we go again, repeat and off we go again, repeat and off we go again, repeat and off we go again, repeat and off we go again, repeat and off we go again! Getting really annoying now isn't it? Here we go all-day Saturday and all-day Sunday!! We work all week and look forward to being at home in the garden and enjoying the peace and quiet of our surroundings. Can you imagine what 65 days of racing with National and International events would be like? Even on the days that the wind isn't carrying the sound directly to us, the constant background noise is frustrating, like having a wasp buzzing around you! You

put up with it for a while but eventually you must do something about it. With a wasp we can, if you let this planning application through, we are stuck with the wasp for ever. Looking at what the owners have already done, the wasp will soon turn into a swarm as the bikes get louder with more competitors, as the events get bigger with more spectators and the races get more regular with events going on every weekend.

The people of Hornton and surrounding area are counting on you to see sense and not allow the owner of this track, who has no interest in the people who live around this area, to develop it into a major Motocross track, staging events on our doorstep that will disrupt our way of life for ever more. Not just 65 days over the next year, but 65 days and counting year after year after year after year.....

I'm not going into all the lies, misinformation and utter nonsense contained in the application, as Hornton Parish Council, with the help of their planning expert, have already shown what a mess of an application this is. I would also like to confirm my full support for Hornton Parish Council and their objection to the application.

I hope you and your planning colleagues return this track to a local MX club track and 14 days of use per year. A track that can also be used for agricultural use in between the race weekends, a track that local people can use from the Banbury club. The people of Hornton can also enjoy their weekends with occasion low level activity from the track. We can all return to co-existing happily together. I'm optimistic that you and your planning team will see through this application and vote against it.

Yours sincerely

Mr Kevin Wain