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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 nearly 40 years, enjoying bringing up our three children in this beautiful village, and now sharing it with grandchildren. 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. As the parents of young children and then teenagers we know how important it is to have hobbies, and when the track was a small local event, operating just now and then, we happily lived with this, appreciating the need for local facilities and clubs for different ranges of interests. Although on these occasions we heard the track, as it was only occasionally, we put up with this, thinking "Oh well, it might not be for us, but some people enjoy it and it's only now and then". 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. We are now told it will operate for 65 days a year – 65 days!! There are only 52 weekends a year, so now we will have this noise pollution, not to mention traffic, almost every weekend during the better weather!

Also, as a regular member of the annual litter pick around the verges of our village, the last 3-4 years have seen a big increase in the amount of litter picked from hedges in the area from the track entrance to the main road. This is a very narrow road for approx. half a mile, and entirely unsuitable for the amount of traffic, including trailers and motor homes, that now frequent this road.

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 would 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 faithfully,

Mrs Jane Wain.