

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	Mr L.D. England
Address	Cleavland, Eastgate, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BT
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 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 would like object to the above planning application. Over the last few years this track has been completely transformed from the original small grass scramble track used by a local club to a professional motocross circuit used by clubs from all over the country, and for National events. I am deeply concerned that this development has taken place without planning permission. The track operators have also abused the planning system by operating well beyond the 28 (14+14) days allowed under 'permitted Development Rights'. As a resident of the local community, we have been deprived of peaceful weekends. The constant revving and wining of bikes and tannoy announcements are very frustrating and make it impossible to sit in the garden. The roads in the area are totally unsuitable for this volume of traffic. The A422 is an extremely fast stretch of road and we regularly hear motor bikes racing up and down. With heavy event traffic turning from the A422 and queuing down the severely damaged narrow lane it would be an accident waiting to happen. I would also like to highlight that this route is generally used by Emergency service vehicles coming into the village. There was a major incident in the village last year and was attended by six or seven Emergency Fire vehicles, most of them entering the village by this route. This road should never be blocked by heavy traffic, which it certainly would be if this planning permission were approved. I am not opposed to motor bikes and people should have the opportunity to enjoy them, but there is a time and a place to ride them, and this location is not the place for Motocross events on this scale. I suggest Mrs S Kerwood, and Mr Pounder find a location where it is not going to be a menace or danger to the local community or the environment. There should be no compromise in this application, the land should be put back to the original small grass track it once was and used only by the local club and their families, neither should they be allowed to abuse the 28 (14+14) days allowed under 'permitted development use. I am backing Hornton Parish Council and their Environmental Planning/Legal Advisor in this planning application.</p>
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