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

Robin Oliver

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

As a resident of Alkerton, this application causes me considerable concern, especially given the significant number of days that the applicant wishes to use the track which, in effect, will ensure that every weekend throughout the spring, summer and early autumn will see meetings hosted at this site. To the other side we have the karting club at Shenington which also is hosting a significant number of events; there does not seem to be a coordinated approach to the management of noise pollution from both of these venues. Some days during last year, the noise from Wroxton actually outstripped that of the karting, it was so loud. It may be that measurements of noise are beneath the British Standards and WHO indicative level of 50 dB LAeq but this may not be the most appropriate measure in an environment with much lower levels of ambient noise. There is also a concern that CDC would be seen to be rewarding bad behavior in allowing this application when the applicant has over a significant period of time simply ignored the authority of CDC in terms of seeking appropriate planning permissions. It has been suggested to me that this is an established business and so should be permitted, however as it has been improperly created, improved and enhanced over time without consideration to any and all around it, I do not think this is sufficient, in and of itself, to sway the Committee's judgement. The application also does not seem to acknowledge the levels of noise are a nuisance, despite evidence to the contrary, and plan to take further steps to limit its impact. In fact, it merely seeks to regularise its unauthorised activities over the last few years. The applicant neither acknowledges their wrong-doing nor the legitimate concerns of those in the surrounding area. I recognise that a significant group of people like the sport and wish to participate, however they represent a minority of those who are in the vicinity during such activities and, frankly, they bring little benefit to the area.

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