

# Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

<b>Application Number</b>	21/00517/F
<b>Location</b>	Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX
<b>Proposal</b>	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)
<b>Case Officer</b>	George Smith
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Jocelyn Atkinson
<b>Address</b>	Brae House, Bell Street, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6DB
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I wish to object to the proposed planning for expansion of the motocross racetrack on the following grounds. I am also disappointed that the council has taken so long to review and monitor the growing use of this site without appropriate restriction. Noise disruption - the proposed 65 days of meets will severely impact on us. Over the last few years we have been aware of the occasional race meets and the constant drone of the bikes, which prevents us enjoying our gardens. These meets have increased in recent years barring reduced frequency in 2020 when because of the pandemic, we were able to enjoy our gardens again. While races happen on one day, the practice sessions mean we are subjected to the noise for the full weekend. To increase these meets will mean that the majority of weekends will be disrupted by the noise, and we will be unable to enjoy our quiet village, gardens, and the surrounding countryside. I also disagree with the noise report (an assessment taken in the midst of winter so not typical for their usual summer sessions held outside of a national lockdown) which suggests that should direction of the wind be opposite, Hornton residents would not notice the track. If this was the case then it would be a disadvantage to our neighbours in Wroxton and Shenington, so some residents in the surrounding area would always suffer. Increased traffic, litter, and damage to our roads - I have noticed that the surface on Drift Lane appears to wear faster than other sections of the road, and there is an increase in litter on the verge after race meets. This must be in part due to increased traffic of large heavy vehicles and hundreds of people arriving to participate in or watch the action. This is a small country lane, used by horse riders, cyclists, walkers and local residential cars, not equipped for 100+ large vehicles all descending on the track for weekend use. We often have to wait if we try and enter or leave the village at peak arrival/departure time for the motorcross. The speeds of vehicles driving on these roads and especially through Wroxton, shows the visitors do not respect the quiet community they are coming to. Environmental &amp; ecological - I fear that this increased use will be detrimental to local wildlife. We used to regularly see Reeves Pheasants, Muntjac's and other local wildlife on the bend by Sor Brook - but I fear that the reduction of sightings may be due in part to increased use of the track. The authorities and whole community should be doing what they can to protect the local ecology, rather than allowing it to be reduced/threatened by noisy, polluting activities such as motocross.</p>
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