## 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

Stephen Whitby

**Address** 

Chapel Cottage, Millers Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BS

**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

Comments

I would like please to object to the above planning application - 21/00517/F - for 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 have lived in the area for approaching 35 years and have become increasingly concerned about the Wroxton track events My particular concerns are :- Noise Local traffic congestion/hazards Loss of 'residential amenity' - I am no longer able to sit in my garden due to noise The fact that wind and weather variations make a big difference The fact that I have noticed, in recent years, the intensification/greater frequency of use and increased noise, especially as the circuit has been scaled up to attract national events/big clubs as a hired-out venue, no longer just Banbury MX Club's local track For walkers - especially those using the footpath next to the MX scrambling site - the noise and countryside impact is major/shocking/wholly wrong. Concern/shock/dismay that intensification and expansion of the track/event days has taken place without any planning application/permission Track operators have knowingly ignored/abused the planning system by operating well beyond the basic 28 (14+14) days allowed under 'Permitted Development Rights' Hornton Parish Council, in September 2020, submitted an objection to the Lawful Development Certificate application by track landowner, Mrs S Kerwood - and, thanks to its evidence, the application was withdrawn before otherwise being refused Concern that Cherwell District Council (CDC) have been so slow in taking enforcement action Concern at the impact on wildlife and the watercourse that is a tributary of the Sor Brook CDC's Building Control Service Manager, Tony Brummell, has advised that there have been breaches of the Land Drainage Act in that unauthorised works have happened in damming and draining the watercourse By comparison with the refused Hornton Grounds Quarry application (Ref 20/02453/F) in 2020, the MX Track proposals are considered of even greater harm and threat, to both the local community and the surrounding landscape/nature conservation. In this CDC planning process, I am backing both the Parish Council and its Environmental Planning/Legal Advisor. Please confirm safe receipt of this email Regards Stephen Whitby

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