

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	Laurie Stewart-Furneaux
Address	West End House,West End,Hornton,Banbury,OX15 6DA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I have lived in Hornton for 15 years. The reason I moved here is that it is a beautiful, historic, village in a peaceful setting, surrounded by glorious countryside. What I had not expected was to have this idyll shattered on a regular basis by the impact of the ever-expanding Motorcross operation, making it really unpleasant even to sit out in the garden during events. The frequency of meetings has increased significantly over the years, especially since 2017, with more traffic into the village and louder and longer noise impact. What started as a small event for local participants has now grown massively for larger national and even international events. The physical extension and earthworks of the track and field areas for vehicles and overnight stays is obvious from the roads into the village. This is also confirmed by photos seen within the village. All this expansion created without planning permission, the operators wilfully abiding the planning system by operating well beyond the basic 28 days allowed. It is deeply concerning that Cherwell District Council has dragged its feet in taking appropriate enforcement action, especially as this development will have so much impact, not only on the local villages but the local wildlife and the landscape in particular. At this rate, if it is not stopped, we will have every weekend and Bank holiday ruined by this ever-increasing noise and the village will never be the same. It will be the unwilling neighbour of a major Silverstone-type event location.</p>
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