

# 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>	J Madden
<b>Address</b>	Jubilee House,Bell Street,Hornton,Banbury,OX15 6DB
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Regarding Banbury Motor Cross - Planning Application 21/00517/F I am incredibly concerned at the latest planning application regarding Banbury Motor Cross and I am writing to raise my concerns and show my full support for Hornton Parish Council and their Environmental planning / Legal Advisor in their objections. I very much hope that Cherwell District Council will acknowledge the many concerns raised and give them more care and attention than has been shown in previous communications regarding this matter. I have grown up in Hornton and been a resident on and off for over 40 years. I have myself been to the motor cross a couple of times over the years to watch friends compete and see what was going on. This letter is in no way a call to close the motor cross down or an objection to it being within a mile of my house. I do however want to voice my shock and dismay at the complete contempt that has already been shown from the land owners towards the council and local residents in it's unregulated intensification and expansion over the past 4 years. Before 2020 (lock down) the number of events over the previous two summers had been escalating in, not only, frequency but also in noise, traffic and audience numbers. In 2019 it had felt like the motor cross was constantly on at weekends and the relentless scramble and tannoy noise was getting us down and ruining the peace that we left the city for. Having grown up in the village I was used to the odd scramble weekend, it was a small local hobby place and was by no means on every weekend. In 2019, if it wasn't holding a major, sometimes national event, there were practices going on relentlessly. There was never a sunny day to enjoy the garden or entertain without the noise. A good friend of ours who uses the track himself was round for lunch in the summer and admitted he couldn't live with or put up with the noise himself every weekend. Proof itself that this is not a 'them and us' debate, plenty of people in surrounding villages understand the love for a motor sports - but currently this is without any regulation, is relentless and unfair. If we were confident and reassured that there were boundaries to the amount of weekends that this would be happening for, and that those boundaries might be abided by, then it would be a lot easier to tolerate. I am confident that the amount of races and meetings during 2019 were above the permitted guidelines. The track has expanded so that the constant traffic on our small country lanes at the weekend is more than it can handle - this is evident by the dirt and many potholes that stop beyond the entrance. The impact of the sound pollution is one thing, it is a lottery as to which way the wind is blowing across the valley - as to whether you'll have a tolerable day or a relentless one. The dirt and noise when walking on the footpaths alongside it, is quite frankly sad and devastating for the surrounding wildlife. We were never able to see any sign of the motor cross when driving past, now the white caravans are clearly visible on the once beautiful skyline because the unregulated expansion is of such a size. This is no longer the voluntary local club that began when I was growing up here. It's become a major event location for motor cross and only shows signs of growing. The fact that the motorcross would like to expand further and be permitted to race on 65 days of the year when there are 52 weekends is upsetting and a great worry to us, further expansion would greatly impact our quality of life, our peace of mind and be detrimental to our wildlife. I am deeply concerned at the organisers lack of respect and consideration for the licensing rules and the concerns of near by residents and I would really appreciate your support in looking at this case carefully in the hope that you will see fit to object. Yours Sincerely J Madden</p>
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