

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	DAVINA BIRKBECK
Address	Meddoms Farm Barn, Street From Bell Street To Balscote, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6EA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>We converted Meddoms Farm Barn 27 years ago. It is approx 800yds from the motocross, and usually downwind (SW wind prevailing). When we bought it, there was a noise like a wasps nest on the days that the motorbikes were there, which was a minor annoyance to be set against the knowledge that others were enjoying themselves on their bikes. We were reassured that they were only allowed to be there for 14 days per year. We were content that this was a small-scale local activity, and visited it a couple of times with our small children to watch. I say this to show that we were happy to "live and let live". Unfortunately, things are very different now. The amount and the size of the race meetings has increased immensely in the last few years, bringing with it frequent loud revvings of bikes and PA announcements which can go on for days. It has changed from a local pastime to an international race meeting. I am really shocked that this expansion has gone ahead without any planning permission or consideration for the damage it could cause. It is, no doubt, an abuse of the planning system that should not be allowed to stand. I presume they do not have, and never did have, permission to pollute the countryside in this manner, so close to dwellings, and I cannot believe that planners would consider it acceptable in such a tranquil part of rural England. As one of the people who lives closest to the track, this upscaling has changed my life and my enjoyment of my residential amenity. Furthermore, the road leading to the entrance has deteriorated due to the constant heavy traffic. The entrance is on a dangerous bend and undoubtedly an accident waiting to happen. If the numbers increase there is further risk. I would like to ask that we return to the old "wasps nest" version that I think all Horntonians were prepared to live with, or that it be closed down completely. The current situation is definitely noise pollution, which disrupts our daily life to an unacceptable degree. I am very grateful to the Parish Council and our Environmental Legal Advisor for their hard work and dedication in bringing this unacceptable development to the notice of CDC. With thanks for your attention. Davina Birkbeck</p>
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