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Dear Mr Smith

I am writing to object strongly to the above referenced planning application.

"Creation of a motocross track and soft landscaping scheme and the change of use of agricultural land to hold motocross 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)"

My objections in no particular order are:-

1. As the track has expanded illegally over the past 5 years with increased events the noise intrusion has often become intolerable. Wind direction is a big factor.
2. The application and supporting documents are misleading and inaccurate on many levels. For example is the application for 24 days or 65 days?
3. If any application is approved for the events to continue the "noise" days need to be clearly identified to include event practice, racing and private practice sessions.
4. The applicant Mrs Kerwood and tenant Brian Pounder have ignored all planning restrictions to develop the site and increase the size and number of events beyond what is permitted.
5. Cherwell District Council have shockingly not ensured that planning permissions were adhered to by the applicant and ignored Hornton Parish Council and local people who lodged complaints.
6. How can we trust the applicant, Brian Pounder and Cherwell District Council to ensure any permissions granted are respected?
7. The approach roads are not suitable for hundreds of vans and trucks coming and going over a weekend. These roads are narrow and in a poor state of repair. For National and International events it is suggested up to 1000 competitors and spectators could attend.
8. I drive past the site often and I have never seen any animals grazing on the land. I find it hard to believe that this would happen should the application be approved. There's no viable land for animals to graze on.

9. Rubbish is left all over the roads during and after events.

10. CDC have confirmed that Brian Pounder has breached the Land Drainage Act with unauthorised works damming and extracting water.

11. Further to the above, the whole operation has a damaging effect on the environment and local nature.

12. I find it hard to believe that the events bring much revenue to local businesses and would reference the objection from the Indian Queen to support this.

13. I find it hard to believe that this facility benefits local people as a sports venue. Can the applicant provide statistics to support this claim.

Based on historical evidence I have no confidence in the applicant and Brian Pounder complying with any rulings or restrictions and sadly fear Cherwell District Council will not enforce them.

The Hornton Parish Council and their Planning/Legal Advisors have my total support to fight this application.

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