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Dear Sirs,

Planning Application 21/00517/F: Motocross, A422, Wroxton OX15 6HX

I am sorry to object to this application, as I appreciate many people enjoy Motocross.

This area is largely rural. It includes sensitive Conservation Areas, residential villages, a wider Target Conservation Area, and an AONB. It also provides considerable countryside amenity for local people and visitors. It seems unsuitable for a permanent Motocross site of substance.

I live in the village of Horley, which shares the Ragnell Brook valley with the Motocross site. Prior to pandemic restrictions, the sound of bikes etc. on motocross days would carry across to the village, and also affect local footpaths etc.

Petrol motocross bikes have a prominent and revving tone. Where noise of this kind goes on for long periods, the issues tend to increase with the intensity and frequency of the activity involved.

The extent to which some traffic associated with the proposed Motocross events, would attempt to pass through the narrow lanes of Horley, would need to be assessed. It seems doubtful the village could safely accommodate further burden. There are, in any event, other highway issues which need to be resolved, and this will take time.

On a more general point, wildlife might be impacted. Bird populations, for example, could be adversely affected, where there is insufficient acoustic space for birdsong.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Harris