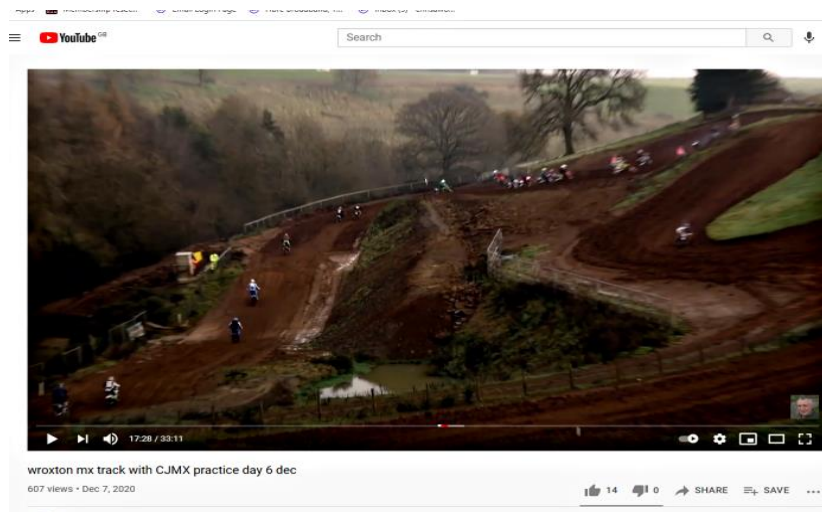


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Ref Planning application 21/00517/F Noise from Wroxton Motocross Track

I am writing to object to this planning application and want to highlight the noise issue for many in the village where we live.

This is an image, showing just one corner of the vast Wroxton Motocross circuit, from a video taken when the Coventry CJMX club hired Wroxton track for the weekend of 5-6 December 2020, during the Covid pandemic.



There was heavy rain on the Saturday so the event of that day had to be abandoned. Track manager Brian Pounder and his team then worked through the day and into the night, with their heavy machinery, to re-prepare the track surface in order that this practice day could go ahead on the Sunday and they would not lose their custom. (There is long video evidence, bragging about this on the CJMX Facebook page, dated 5 December 2020.

This picture comes from a video taken by the official event photographer. Go about 17 minutes in and you see the full belt of the practice laps going ahead, as shown above. Bear in mind this is a PRACTICE day, not a full-on race day:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gO8Ex_6GeA

This was the day that Parker Jones Acoustics did their sound survey for the applicant. But the wind was not blowing towards Hornton on that day so, although it could be heard even on the far side of the village and up on Quarry Road and Horley Road, it was not anywhere near as bad in this locality as it has been on other occasions. However, on other Wroxton MX race or practice days, at its worst, when the prevailing wind carries the sound towards Hornton, from our back gardens it sounds like this track is literally running round the rim of our valley bowl. The noise seems to reach the valley terrain and then reverberate around the sides of the valley. It's all around us and inescapable.

We don't just hear the starts of races and the revving up beforehand and at the 'off' from the startline as 40-plus bikes head up the hill of the first straight: we hear the entire circuit noise, as the bikes scramble up this vast terrain with its umpteen steep slopes, bends, jumps and triple jumps. The whole thing, without any break. This sometimes continues from 9am to 6pm.

On some occasions it is so bad that, if one abandons one's garden, one can still hear it from inside the house with the windows shut. For instance, exactly this happened to my neighbours on 25 July 2020 – I know of at least three households who had to give up being in the garden on that day.

Surely, without planning permission, this is outrageous. Please do not allow this to continue and, as per their current planning application, to further expand. It is contrary to Cherwell Local Plan and to the principles of the Town & Country Planning Order 2015.