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From: simon protheroe [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2021 11:10
To: Planning
Subject: Re: planning application 21/00517/F - Wroxton motocross

My full address is The Glen Millers Lane, Hornton
Simon Protheroe

On Thu, 8 Apr 2021, 09:52 Planning, <Planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please could you supply your full postal address so that we can register your comments against the application.

Thank you

Regards

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Sent: 05 April 2021 14:41
To: George Smith <George.Smith@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Subject: planning application 21/00517/F - Wroxton motocross

I write to strongly oppose the application for extending the use of the Wroxton Motorcross track. The to-date intensification in the use of the track, the artificially altered topography of the site, the illegal altering of the watercourse, the blatant breach of the 14/14 rule have all gone mysteriously unchallenged by CDC, a bewildering case of neglect by anybody's measure. The character of the site has changed beyond recognition in the last five years or so. It's very difficult to understand how this 'permission creep' from a local track donated for the purpose

of leisure use by local youngsters into a large scale development based on commercial gain has continued unchallenged by CDC.

The applicant claims local businesses will benefit from the development, contrary to the letters from the two nearest businesses (Hornton Grounds, Indian Queen) refuting this with robust challenges to the application, and to the publican in Hornton telling me that during his tenure he has perceived almost no benefit whatsoever from the increased activity at the site. There is simply no evidence of any local requirement for the proposed scale of facility in this location.

CDC's own planning policies are being contravened by the current use and the proposals for a larger and more frequently used track.

I note the following points contravening CDC's Local Plan and stated environmental sustainability pledge

- The track constitutes a statutory noise nuisance arising from the last five years heralding the change from a small scale scramble track to a nationally recognised senior competition facility
- The track represents an unjustified and unsustainable form of development creating an alien feature within in a beautiful rural location, contravening the aims and provisions of Local Plan policies SLE1 SLE4 and ESD1
- The track has a major detrimental visual impact in a rural location, adversely impacts on wildlife habitats and spaces and causes harm to the adjacent rights of way amenity and open rural landscape of the area - contravening Policies ESD13, ESD15
- The proposed development invites traffic congestion and danger - the Oxford Highways assessment conducted without a site visit and relying on data provided by the applicant looks dangerously inadequate, with hundreds of vans and motorhome vehicles using the local narrow lanes network and the dangerous crossroads junction on and off the A422, and the extra traffic through Drayton, Wroxton, Wroxton Heath villages - all contrary to CDC Saved Policies TR10 and C31 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and ESD15 Cherwell Local Plan 2011 - 2031

In conclusion I wholly support the Hornton Parish Council and their planning consultant's analysis and challenge to this application

Yours sincerely

Simon Protheroe

Millers Lane Hornton

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