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Good Afternoon

Please see below the response from Wroxton & Balscote Parish Council in respect of the above planning application.

Wroxton & Balscote Parish Council objects to any increase in the frequency or intensity of activities at the Motocross Track. It does not accept that these activities bring benefits to the area in terms of the use of shops, public houses, restaurants or overnight accommodation as described in the application documents, given that competitors and their accompanying persons stay in caravans, motorhomes, tents etc on site. Thus they are likely to self-cater; there are no local retail shops; and of the two local pubs, one licensee has raised strong objections and the other considers no custom arises from the events.

Moreover, residents – particularly in Wroxton and Wroxton Heath - report significant disbenefits including noise from racing, practising and a public address system, increased traffic of large vehicles on the already busy A422 at the onset and closure of events, damage to verges on the minor road through Wroxton Heath and on Drift Lane/Road, Wroxton. There are accounts of antisocial behaviour associated with events.

In general residents accepted the original intention of the operation, as it had functioned in its first 35 years or so, namely to provide recreational activities for local people, especially young people, on several weekends annually. However, in the two or three years before lockdown and travel restrictions, it had become apparent to residents that the nature of the operation had changed in that activity had increased markedly in size and frequency and was interfering significantly with the local environment.

The Council considers that , whilst recognising that the historic acceptance of 14 days of events would need to have additional specifically non-racing/practising time added for setting up and clearing. Thus, the PC requests strict conditions be imposed on the number of racing/practice days permitted limited to the prior acceptable volume of activity. Conditions should also be imposed protecting the immediate environmental requirements, including those of litter retrieval and disposal, adequate toilet facilities and proper care of watercourses.

Kind Regards

Kate Brown
Clerk to Wroxton & Balscote Parish Council

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