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Sent: 26 May 2021 17:18
To: George Smith
Cc: Nathanael Stock
Subject: FW: Planning notification for application reference: 21/00517/F

Dear Mr Smith,

21/00517/F - Wroxton Motocross Track: highways damage and hazards

I am writing to you with regard to the above planning application and on receipt of the below email.

Besides the obvious environmental issues with regard to wildlife and noise, I am very concerned about the volume of traffic travelling to and from the track and pulling on and off the Banbury-to-Stratford Road (A422) and using narrow lanes that simply can't deal with this scale and volume of traffic.

We visit my elderly parents on most weekends and have found that more and more we are fighting against a stream of vans, motorhomes and trucks when returning to Hornton.

On race days and weekends, once the track starts to empty, the constant stream of traffic means that you have to wait at the junction where you turn off the A422 towards Hornton as the lane is not wide enough for a car to get past the camper vans and large motorhome vehicles. This is a dangerous place for any vehicle to have to wait - on a busy A-road where the average speed is well over 60mph. If you do manage to run the gauntlet, the vehicles still carry on driving but do so on the soft verge which leaves the sides of the road in a terrible state and which throws mud onto the road.

When you eventually reach the t-junction that takes you to the village and then directly past the track entrance, you are again pushed in to the hedge (where there is a drop of about 10 to 15 feet) and again you can be trapped. The entrance is also on a long blind bend, again making it dangerous for this volume of traffic to be streaming out on to a narrow lane, particularly in inclement weather. Cyclists and walkers also regularly use this stretch of lane.

In addition to the above the road surface, despite being patched up, has disintegrated to an unfit state, riddled with pot holes, which can only be contributed to by the volume of heavy vehicle traffic going to and from the motocross track.

In recent years, with the increased volume of race meetings and increase in traffic, we have met this line of vehicles on many occasions in the last year (2020-21) despite us being in lockdown for a long period.

My other concern is the volume of traffic pulling out on to the busy A422, at the crossroads, and dragging mud onto it, making it slippery on a junction. I lost a friend to a traffic accident not very far from this crossroads and would not wish there to be any more tragedies.

Yours sincerely

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