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This department has the following response to this application as presented:

Noise: We have received 4 complaints regarding noise from the motocross track.

The first complaint was received in 2016. An officer visited the circuit on a day when events were not running and gave advice to the organisers. A second complaint was received in 2018, an officer visited and observed the noise levels from locations close to the track and from various locations around Hornton. They concluded that the noise did not constitute a nuisance.

Three further complaints were received at the same time in 2019. The complaints had been made after an email was sent out by a complainant to other residents of Hornton encouraging them to voice their displeasure at the noise from the motocross track. Measurements were taken with a sound level meter in Hornton during full race events on 15/09/19, 22/09/19 and 20/10/19. Measurements were taken at locations in both the north and south of Hornton, with the noise being close to inaudible at the southern side of the village compared with on the northern side. During the first two of these events the wind was blowing from the south, carrying the noise of the track towards Hornton, on the third site visit the wind was northerly and, as such, the racing was barely audible anywhere in Hornton. Over the course of all three events the noise was not determined to be significant enough to constitute a nuisance in Hornton.

I have reviewed the report submitted on behalf of Hornton Parish Council by Clarke Saunders and the report submitted by Parker Jones Associates on behalf of Wroxton MX Track, along with the materials submitted by Hornton Parish Council. While the measurements taken for the noise report compiled by Parker Jones Associates were from a practice session, they consistent with the levels measured when CDC visited to measure the noise in relation to complaints from Hornton parish Council in 2019. While the directivity of motorcycle engines is an important factor in determining the noise levels on or close to the site, the nearest receptors are between 800 m and 1 km away. Therefore, when assessing the impact of the noise from the track on nearby sensitive receptors we do not believe the directivity to be an important factor, especially given the bikes continuous change in direction as they travel around the track.

I recommend that the Motocross Track publishes details of race events on their website as far ahead of the events as is feasibly possible and provide events calendars and timetables to the residents on request.

Contaminated Land: While the issues around disposal of waste through burning are a concern, these will be dealt with by Environmental Protection as a complaint, outside of the planning process.

Air Quality: The activities on the site do not trigger the requirement for an air quality assessment.

Odour: No comments

Light: No comments

If you wish to deviate from the suggested conditions then this should be discussed with the officer making these comments to ensure the meaning of the condition remains and that the condition is enforceable and reasonable.

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