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Dear Mr Smith

**Re: Planning Application Ref 21/00517/F**  
**“CREATION OF A MOTOCROSS TRACK AND SOFT LANDSCAPING SCHEME AND THE CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO HOLD MOTO-CROSS EVENTS INCLUDING SET-UP, TAKE DOWN AND PRIVATE PRACTICE SESSIONS, WITH ASSOCIATED CAMPING SITE, FOR UP TO 65 DAYS PER YEAR AND AGRICULTURAL GRAZING (RETROSPECTIVE)”**

We are totally dumbstruck and appalled by the latest submission to the planning portal from Mr Guest, CDC Environmental Protection Officer. His first submission was bad enough (in what it considered as well as what it did not), but this exceeds even our worst expectations. We find his comments completely unacceptable and even offensive.

Mr Guest says that there were only 3 objections to noise from the MX track in 2019. In fact, at that time, we understand that he was made aware of the village-wide concern and impact of the Wroxton MX track, but that he advised villagers that he did not require more letters of objection in order to investigate the issue. So why are there now over 200 letters of objection on the portal to this planning application, many of which make reference to the intolerable noise nuisance? This is because the track has been developed and grown out of all recognition over the last few years. Indeed, has Mr Guest visited the site since 2019, we wonder?

As clearly pointed out by Clarke Saunders, who are experts in the field of motorsport noise assessment and control and undertook a noise survey on behalf of Hornton Parish Council, it is not only the directivity of engine noise that should be considered but also, and equally importantly, meteorological factors, in particular the wind direction. Typically, the wind blows in a southerly direction, which adversely impacts the residents of Hornton; when it

blows in other directions, it is other local communities which are impacted. This is evidenced by the many letters of objection from residents of surrounding villages, including Wroxton Heath, Shenington, Wroxton and Horley, as well as from the Parish Councils, not only of Hornton, but also of Shenington with Alkerton, Horley and Wroxton & Balscote. (Has CDC undertaken any sound recordings in these localities?) In their report, Clarke Saunders state that the assessment undertaken by Parker Jones Associates on behalf of Wroxton MX Track "dismisses the possibility of any impact following some highly suspect and in other areas fundamentally flawed calculations and reasoning "and conclude that "it appears inevitable that the assessment cannot be relied on to describe the community impact of the proposals". In this case, why is the CDC Environmental Protection Officer giving so much weight to the Parker Jones Associates assessment?

We would suggest that Mr Guest listens to the short **video** clip in Supporting Documents submitted by The Gables (Millers Lane, Hornton) on 6 April 2021, which makes the effect of racing bikes upon our local community abundantly clear.

We cannot see how having advance notification of race meetings can possibly make any difference to the levels of noise and general nuisance. Are local residents expected to vacate the area whilst meetings are underway, which will be virtually every weekend of the year if this application is approved? In fact, some villagers already feel compelled to leave home or visit friends elsewhere on days when racing is on. The track is causing obvious harm to residential amenity through noise nuisance.

It would be appreciated, if you could please ensure that our letter is posted on the planning portal.

Yours sincerely

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