Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

| Application Number | 21/00517/F | |
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| Location | Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX | |
| Proposal | 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) | |
| Case Officer | George Smith | |
| Organisation Name | Kevin Hearn | |
| Address | 3 Brackenfield View, Wessington, Derbyshire, DE55 6NF | |
| Type of Comment | Support | , |
| Туре | neighbour | |
| Comments | I write in total support of the planning application as a past committee member of Banbury Motocross Club running events at the circuit from 1989 onwards under the AMCA. At that time it was Alan Smith, Brian Tomkins and myself running the club with Peter Blackburn joining us in 1990 when the club ran International events called IMBA under AMCA, where riders from all over Europe attended and the events also incorporated the 500cc & 250cc British Championship. Those who are objecting stating that it has only just become a National venue are sadly mistaken as it was around 18 months after the track was built by the club in 1989 that the first International event took place. There after running events of equal status. Since those days the track has regularly hosted BSMA (British Schoolboy Motocross Association) events, GT CUP National Series etc it has always been know as a National Venue hosting the highest caliber events in the country. Furthermore as one of the original builders of the track I can say that the track has stayed in the same area with slight changes to the circuit layout from when we built it and certainly not expanded on where the track was located. If you look at the attached photograph you will see the trapes for the track on the flat part showing that it goes up and over the valley. In those early days the club and the track received support from the council and at the the IMBA event in 1990 the Banbury Mayor was flown in by Helicopter as the dignitary to open the event that weekend. I have attached a Photograph from that event in 1990 of the UK Team proving it had international status. The sport of many years since then has worked on large noise reduction from bikes and has by definition to be a quieter event that 30 years ago. Given that the Track was built in 1989 and had international events running from 1990 over 30 years then there is huge evidence that events of the scale we have today have always been run at this venue. It is for these reasons I believe the venue should be supported. | |
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