

# Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

<b>Application Number</b>	21/00517/F
<b>Location</b>	Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX
<b>Proposal</b>	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)
<b>Case Officer</b>	George Smith
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Roger Corke
<b>Address</b>	The Cottage, Church Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BY
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Dear Mr Smith I have just read, with considerable surprise, a letter sent in by a Mr Kevin Hearn in support of this application. I have several observations that I hope you will take into account: 1. Like all the other letters in support of this application - not that there are many - it comes from someone who doesn't live in this area. He may have done so once but now he lives almost 100 miles away and almost two hours away by car - in Derbyshire. So, just like all the others who have written to support this ill-conceived and selfish application, he won't be subject to the incessant noise modern motocross bikes make. Hundreds of residents living in the villages around the track are. 2. He is simply wrong about the level of noise now emanating from the track. It is far, far worse now than it was three or four years ago - and I, along with hundreds of others who have written to object, know this because we hear it. He won't hear it because he lives miles away, of course. Coincidentally, my wife and I moved to Hornton just at the time when Mr Hearn claims he became involved with the circuit. For more than 20 years after that, there were just a few meetings a year and the noise was at perfectly acceptable levels. But in the last four or five years it had become so loud that you can't sit in your garden on a normal race day if the wind is blowing in your direction, so the residents living around the track play a sort of Russian roulette: if the wind blows from the south, Hornton's weekend is ruined. If it blows from the north east, Alkerton and Shenington get blasted; from the north west and it's Wroxton's turn. Why Mr Hearn does not realise this is a mystery. 3. I am also mystified why he thinks the size and scale of the track has stayed the same over the years. May I suggest he looks at the evidence, commissioned last year by Hornton Parish Council from Britain's leading analyst of aerial photographs - plus other research - as part of the HPC's objection to the applicant's attempt to obtain a certain of lawful existing use. That analysis demonstrated without any doubt that, over the past ten years, the track was (a) longer (b) wider and (c) occupied a larger parcel of land every time a new aerial photograph was taken. This evidence has been included in HPC's objections to this latest application but it was so strong last year that the applicants had to withdraw their proposal for a certificate since the bases upon which they had applied were clearly and demonstrably wrong. Far from this being the same track that Mr Hearn would have you believe, it is so much bigger that it amounts to a replacement of the old track across a ploughed field with a massive international sporting facility - a replacement that is a fundamental difference in land use and should be treated as such. Please turn down this application. Yours sincerely Roger Corke</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	