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Subject: Wroxton MX: 21/00517/F Noise monitoring

Dear Jane, Nat and George

Please find below our thoughts on effective and accurate noise monitoring of races at the Wroxton motocross track as our suggestions for inclusion in any conditions. These are additional considerations to any core conditions which are applied on the back of officer reports and recommendations and evidence submitted. Clearly, appropriate monitoring is critical to getting any acceptable outcome for the hundreds of local residents whose lives are impacted by noise. Given the known challenges around accurate and representative noise monitoring and enforcement, we have tried to be specific and we have considered not just Hornton residents, but those in Wroxton Heath and elsewhere.

Kind regards

Cllr Steve Woodcock

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Noise Considerations – Hornton Parish Council

Given the margins for error and misunderstanding, as already demonstrated, we suggest that any future noise monitoring is undertaken by two officers, working as a team, as follows:

1. Location

1.1 90db+ is considered hazardous and we believe anyone on the footpath alongside the track should not have their welfare put at risk simply by walking in the country. We therefore suggest monitoring on the footpath alongside the start line at the race start.

1.2 A resident in Wroxton Heath (Andrew Bock of Stone Edge), in one of the nearest houses, has offered his garden as a location and, given the impact on the lives of residents, this would be a sensible place to monitor, it also being in the opposite direction to Hornton.

1.3 Hornton. Given that most complaints come from the village we suggest readings are taken in Eastgate, Millers Lane, Quarry Road and on the village Green. This is also directly in line of the prevailing wind.

1.4 The Indian Queen as a business has been adversely impacted by the track and it is at a different compass point to the suggestions above.
The same is true of Hornton Grounds Farm.

Clearly, weather, mainly wind speed and direction is important in the effect it has on noise. So we believe having testing at compass points around the site makes for a more accurate picture of noise impact.

2. Individual bike monitoring

2.1 We suggest that a random check is undertaken to evaluate whether individual machines meet the stated standards. It is not uncommon for bikes to be modified for racing.

3. Event type

As noted above, the diversity of events makes a huge difference to noise. Monitoring a few five- and six-year-olds on 50cc machines bears no relation to a full-on adult race with machines up to 10x the capacity. Elsewhere, we have requested three months' notice of events, so there should be no problem with determining which race days to monitor. As noted above, there is a particular issue with noise at the startline, so it is important to measure noise at the start of the race, as well as during it. For clarity, we would suggest that annually at least one major adult national meeting is monitored, in addition to any other adult race meetings.

4. Frequency

For the first two years following any resumption of MX activity, we request quarterly monitoring. This should include at least one major national adult event, and all monitoring should be of adult racing.

Thereafter, assuming acceptable levels, we would suggest two readings a year to ensure compliance, again with the condition all are adult and one a major national event, eg. Bridgestone British Masters.

5. Reporting

We would ask that a full noise report is made available to HPC within a reasonable period, to be not more than three weeks after it is completed.