## **Rachel Tibbetts**

From: Sarah Greenall
Sent: 15 March 2022 12:34

To: DC Support

Subject: FW: 21/00517/F - Wroxton Motorcross Track

Hello,

Please could the below comments from BBOWT be added to DEF. Details below:

- 21/00517/F Wroxton Motorcross Track
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Many thanks, Sarah

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Subject: RE: 21/00517/F - Wroxton Motorcross Track

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Dear Sarah.

Thank you for the update following on from your site visit last week and for your clarification regarding proposals for the allowed number of days usage for the site overall, and within that for the track itself, per annum as part of the drafted set of conditions linked to this retrospective planning approval that you are drawing up.

We are, again, very limited on available staff time, particularly for last-minute requests and with the continuing high volume and demand of planning applications to which we would like to response.

The best I can do is refer you back to the detailed comments I made in my original response regarding this site last summer, which emphasised the importance of controlling and minimising surface water run-off into the Sor Brook,

and especially seeking minimisation in the associated inputs of sediment, nutrients and any pollution from either motocross site activities or wider landscape farming – to reduce negative impacts on the brook itself and also to sensitive sites downstream (including Horley Fen Local Wildlife Site). Sor Brook is a very significant headwater within the Cherwell catchment. Hopefully your conditions will include provisions for environmentally sensitive reinstatement/stabilisation of the site after any conclusion of such motocross use – including regarding extensive areas of bare ground that might be left prone to wash-out, especially if the current irrigation and erosion control measures mentioned in the application material report suddenly ceased.

Plus I am repeating here my recent note that, seeing as planning approval had been granted, my impression, from the information available, is that 20 days per annum would be less environmentally impactful than 65 days, if there is to be continued use as a motocross site.

Thank you for giving BBOWT the opportunity to comment.

Best wishes, Kate

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