

Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="21/00517/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Gemma Magnuson"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Roger Corke"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="The Cottage, Church Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BY"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>I cannot see how the planting of a few trees is going to make any material difference to the damage that has already been done to a beautiful part of the North Oxfordshire Downs.</p> <p>Planting these saplings will not stop the damage to wildlife habits - including that of endangered species like the Great Crested Newt. It will not do anything to reduce the horrendous noise that one of the largest motocross tracks in Europe - carved out of the countryside - creates.</p> <p>In short, this is nothing more than an attempt to "greenwash" what is already an environmental catastrophe for this part of the North Oxfordshire Downs and all we can only hope is that Cherwell District Council's planners eventually impose conditions sufficiently stringent so that the misery the track creates to the hundreds of people living near it every time there's a race meeting is reduced to a bare minimum.</p> <p>Around the country, other local authorities have managed to create stringent operating conditions for motocross tracks, so why not Cherwell? The council has now been considering these conditions for nearly two years but, up to now, we have been given no details of what those conditions might be. We fear the worst: already the track owner and organisers clearly think they will be resolved by the summer: one club is already adverting a race meeting there in July. Surprise, surprise - it is not a local club, despite the owners claiming that the track is needed to keep local youngsters "off the streets". It's been hired - on a commercial basis - by a club in South Wales. So that means our quality of life on that weekend will once again be ruined so that those owning and operating this track can make money from hundreds of people driving from hundreds of miles away.</p> <p>The owner is entitled to plant trees where she wishes but, planners, please disregard this "greenwash" planting scheme when considering what conditions to impose on the track operations, and please make those conditions as stringent as possible.</p>
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