Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

Application Number 21/00517/F

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

Gemma Magnuson

Organisation

Name

Lynn Graham

Address

The Cottage, Church Lane, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6BY

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

The owner and operators of this track can plant all the saplings they like on their land but it will do nothing (a) to mitigate the excessive noise created when practising or racing is taking place or (b) repair the damage that has already been done to wildlife habitats, water courses and the wider environment in this beautiful part of the North Oxfordshire Downs.

In fact, I would be surprised if these saplings survived, given the scant regard the owner and operators of the track have shown for the habitat and environment in recent years.

What is required is for Cherwell District Council to take the same robust approach to applying operating conditions to this track as other councils have done to other motocross tracks around the country.

Cherwell needs to lay down clear conditions on noise, numbers of competitors and spectators, protection of wildlife habitats, the disposal of waste, measures to limit traffic and so on.

It is vital that those conditions are agreed with - rather than just imposed on - local residents and parish councils.

Equally important, it's vital that Cherwell monitors the operation of the track to ensure that these conditions are fully complied with not least bearing in mind the past total lack of legal permission for existence of the track and its poor management.

Finally, it's vital that, if those conditions are not complied with, Cherwell takes immediate enforcement action.

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