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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

As I have written before, when the track was operated as a facility for local groups and a limited number of meetings, I had no objection to it. But the underhand way in which the owners have increased the use and scope of the track, and the abuse of the surrounding countryside, leaves a very sour taste.

Now they are proposing to plant some trees around the track to help stifle the noise produced. At first sight this seems a welcome development, but it will probably be several years (decades!) before the trees grow to a sufficient size to make any real difference. So seemingly more of a PR stunt - especially in the short-term.

I assume the 65 days mentioned are consecutive - so this would mean the track would operate for 3 months of the year or most of the summer.

I think the bottom line is the owners are trying to establish a lucrative business by sneaking around the legislation and presenting it all as a fait accompli - rather than following the proper procedures. I appreciate that policing such activity is a costly and time-consuming for a cash-strapped council, but surely a line has to be drawn somewhere. If people are allowed to turn parts of the countryside into international business concerns, whilst skirting around the legislation, it sets a very worrying precedent.

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