

# Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

<b>Application Number</b>	21/00517/F
<b>Location</b>	Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX
<b>Proposal</b>	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)
<b>Case Officer</b>	Gemma Magnuson
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Pete LEMON
<b>Address</b>	Walnut Bank, Bell Street, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6DB
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>To: Gemma Magnuson and Paul Seckington</p> <p>As you are both new to the Motocross planning process, I hope you have been afforded the time to study the many and detailed responses from objectors to the planning application both before and since the planning meeting and have been able to listen to the full audio recording of that planning meeting. All of this is essential, in my view, to understand before one can make an informed decision regarding this and any further application updates.</p> <p>I implore you to be engaged with this process please. Don't be hoodwinked into thinking that this is just a simple planning application. This is a major national motocross track which has been run unlawfully for many years since its development from a simple, small track for use by one local club of primarily young adults.</p> <p>It has been run purely as a commercial venture and has been developed without permission, such that its length has been increased by one third (just short of international scale) and its height significantly above the original profile. The operation has hidden behind the "14-day" rule which was also abused by the permanence of many structures on the site, and it not being returned to agricultural use at any time.</p> <p>There has been no regard for the negative impact to the environment and wildlife caused by these changes: foul water run-off into the local watercourse, felling of trees, damming the stream, unlawful creation of a syphon pond, abstraction of water without licence and of course the noise and traffic implications for the residents of Hornton and other villages.</p> <p>Changes have been made by the track team without a modicum of care for people whose lives are blighted by the operation of this track and with utter disrespect and disregard for the planning process, the council, and councillors.</p> <p>Considering all this, it's no surprise that this application has little in the way of detail, and the already enacted widening of the gated entrance from road which was already far beyond agricultural needs. You should also be aware that the track is scheduled for use on 22nd and 23rd July 2023 for a round of the "VMX Events Club Championship", described as "The club caters for Auto's to Adults". Adult machines are much bigger and noisier.</p> <p>Regarding this modification application, the planning permission approval in June 2022 had numerous conditions which were required to be agreed in detail and executed BEFORE any further activity was to be allowed on the site.</p> <p>To my knowledge, none of these conditions has been resolved or agreed with Cherwell Council or the Parish Councils as was one of the conditions.</p> <p>This specific application seeks to greenwash the conditions by providing a simple plan lacking in detail as to the species of trees to be planted and their size/maturity. It makes no reference to the many other matters to be addressed. A few young trees/whips will do little to screen any noise from the site for many, many years and given that the M40 motorway can be heard from three miles away it is unlikely that these few trees will ever provide protection for residents in the local area.</p> <p>I urge you to proceed, please, with the need for a detailed and deliverable plan as required in the planning meeting which is agreed and implemented in advance. Furthermore,</p>

measures need to be in place to ensure implementation of the agreed plans and adherence to the approved operating times and methods during use of the site.

Thank you,  
Pete Lemon

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