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

Ian & Linda Paul

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

We wish to object to the passing of this application.

We've only been here for 2 years and due to lockdown it has been as it should be, plus one of the reasons we moved here very quiet, with the exception of local traffic. Fortunately we have only been subjected to 1 or 2 races. However on those days, it was very noisy and was not pleasant to sit outside and relax, which can also affect mental health. Plus the access road, which is just an ordinary badly maintained B roadie full of pot holes is not suitable for the amount of traffic that would occur and would become completely unusable in time. We have experienced the hold ups and unhelpfulness of the track users in using that road during a meet as it's also near a bend so overtaking would be dangerous.

Needless to say the devastation to the wildlife and countryside will be horrendous, why should we lose the beautiful wildlife that we are able to enjoy now.

The conditions you have put forward are not very clear at all eq.

1) You have not stipulated how many participants/spectators would be allowed, which as I mentioned is ridiculous on our badly maintained road and the only road out of the village going south. How will you police meet days, especially on competition days?

Why, also, should meet days be between 9.00 and 6.00, whereas elsewhere in the country timings are 10.00 to 3.00. What are your reasons for allowing this?

- 2) how are you going to measure the noise levels. Will you be giving residents noise pollution meters to test the noise levels? Other councils eg North East Derbyshire District Council and Febland District Council require regulations that are given by the Auto-Cycle Union - the governing body of Motorcross - and the noise cross. Will you be adopting these stringent conditions and if not, why not?
- 3) how will you protect wildlife? Animals use sound for a variety of reasons, including to navigate, find food, attract mates, and avoid predators. Noise pollution makes it difficult for them to accomplish these tasks, which affects their ability to survive. We have many badger sets nearby, surely these should also be protected by the Protection of Badgers Act 1992? What about the endangered wildlife species eg Great Crested Newt. As the government states, these are protected and

things that would cause you to break the law include:

capturing, killing, disturbing or injuring great crested newts deliberately

damaging or destroying a breeding or resting place

obstructing access to their resting or sheltering places (deliberately or by not taking enough

possessing, selling, controlling or transporting live or dead newts, or parts of them taking great crested newt eggs.

How are you going to enforce these things do not happen?

3) finally you state the track owner has to give residents notice of when meets are held, but you do not stipulate how far in advance this should be. Advising us one day in advance is definitely not acceptable!!

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