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

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Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I have noted the documents filed by the applicant and further responses by Cherwell District Council. I have significant concerns around the proposed conditions requested by the Council especially in light of the historic operation of the Motocross in contravention of planning rights and the lack of enforcement by the Council. I would therefore expect, if the Council was seriously intent on implementing and policing operating conditions, that the Council would make sure that the proposed conditions would be carefully drafted, with clear and measurable limits. Unfortunately, I was disappointed to discover that the document fell well short in achieving this aim and hence can only conclude that the Council has no real interest in curtailing and controlling the operation of this activity. If I am wrong in my analysis, I would request that the Council take on-board the detailed suggestions of Hornton Parish Council which:

address the ambiguous conditions eg. how often the 20 annual race days allowed in the planning permission can take place

clearly set out how the noise restriction of 96 decibels is tested, who should do the testing, where the noise should be measured from or how records of the testing should be kept to prove it was carried out.

stipulate the numbers of participants, spectators, number of races, number of bikes in a race etc

limit racing to between 10am and 3pm in line with other tracks

fully implement the recommendations from Cherwell's own experts - to protect damage to watercourses and wildlife habitats, including that of the Great Crested Newt (which is virtually ignored in the draft conditions)

set out how Cherwell's officials will police the track to make sure the conditions are being adhered to

set out what actions Cherwell District Council will take in the event of contraventions to the conditions

Thank you for taking due and careful consideration of this matter.

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Attachments