

Comment for planning application 21/00517/F

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| Application Number | 21/00517/F |
| Location | Land Used For Motorcross Stratford Road A422 Wroxtton 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 | Jill Offord |
| Address | Mullions, Bell Street, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6DB |
| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms about the suggested conditions put forward for the following reasons:</p> <p>The noise conditions are in no way stringent enough to be enforceable or have any impact on the sound levels coming from the track. The banning of revving, maximum noise levels and the testing regime of bikes are all contained in guidelines published by the Auto Cycle Union - the governing body of motocross - and the Noise Council.</p> <p>North East Derbyshire District Council and Fenland District Council - to name but two - require noise levels on individual bikes to be checked, unnecessary revving of bikes is not permitted and bikes that have had their silencers tampered with to make them noisier are banned from being used on the track.</p> <p>So there's no reason why Cherwell can't adopt the very same stringent conditions that sport's own governing body has drawn up and that other councils operate.</p> <p>Each race can have 30 to 40 vehicles competing at one time</p> <p>The planting scheme does nothing to enhance the environment or protect Great Crested Newts which have been found on the site</p> <p>The only business that could benefit from the track is the Indian Queen restaurant which has put in objections to the planning consent and even had to call the police due to the anti-social behaviour of track attendees using it</p> <p>There is no local business that benefits</p> <p>This is a totally unsuitable site for a track of this scale, huge national meetings are held from Friday to Sunday with 250 to 300 large motorhomes attending</p> <p>The repair of the damage these vehicles cause to these roads is paid for by Cherwell District Council</p> <p>Even if the entrance is improved, the surrounding roads are in no way suitable for the size or volume of the vehicles attending</p> <p>The track operators show no respect or consideration to the local community</p> <p>The track operators show no regard to the environment, as can be seen from the skip used to burn rubbish and tyres in the photo (as in attached file)</p> <p>The conditions are ambiguous eg. they don't detail how often the 20 annual race days allowed in the planning permission can take place</p> <p>The conditions restrict the noise to 96 decibels but don't say how that should be 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.</p> <p>There are no stipulations about the numbers of participants, spectators, number of races, number of bikes in a race</p> <p>As can be seen from attached photos the number of large vehicles is sizeable</p> <p>The conditions still allow racing between 9am and 6pm, whilst other tracks only permit it between 10am and 3pm</p> <p>The conditions stipulate the the track owner has to give local residents notice of meetings but there are no details as to how or how far in advance that will happen</p> <p>The conditions seem to be watering down recommendations, from Cherwell's own experts, to protect damage to watercourses and wildlife habitats, including that of the Great Crested Newt. In fact, there's barely a mention of this endangered species in the draft conditions</p> <p>There are no details about how Cherwell's officials will police the track to make sure the conditions are being adhered to</p> <p>and, despite promising to consult Hornton Parish Council in advance, Cherwell has published these conditions with no consultation</p> |

This track should never have been granted planning permission so now must have appropriate conditions applied with the operators held to account if they fail to adhere to the conditions. I strongly urge you to look at the attached file which is just a couple of photos which illustrate the size and scale of the events being held.

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Attachments

The following files have been uploaded:

- MotoX pdf.pdf