

I WOULD LIKE THIS TO APPEAR IN THE PORTAL BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY, 9 MARCH 2023

Dear Ms Magnuson

**Wroxton MotoX Ref 21/00517/F :
Why you need to defer this item from today's meeting**

The route towards today's meeting has been long, rocky, unprofessional and riddled with error, ambiguity and omission. And I'm not just referring to the latest draft conditions.

There are numerous examples of poor practice, all of them evidenced. We keep a full audit trail.

Lack of enforcement by Cherwell District Council got us into this dreadful mess. Followed by a shambles of a Planning Committee Meeting in June 2021. Those events are responsible for gross desecration of a beautiful, supposedly-protected rural landscape, plus its GCN and other wildlife and watercourse, and enormous harm to residential amenity in six parishes, not to mention mental and emotional stress for thousands of people.

I am an experienced journalist and professional corporate communications consultant. I have never witnessed the like.

The latest is the fiasco on trying to stop Hornton Parish Council, or anyone else, from speaking at the meeting today. On this point, the chair of the Committee told a resident, in no uncertain terms, that officers and councillors knew what they were doing and had done it numerous times before. Then, at the last minute, you reverse your decision and, without explaining why, tell us we can speak after all. The latest email from Hornton Parish Council's chair is below.

This is not democracy - it is autocracy.

I also attach here a letter you have just received from an independent national expert on motocross noise management and why CDC falls hugely short. It speaks for itself.

My professional judgement, and that of many other experts, is that Cherwell District Council is leaving itself open to serious legal challenge on many fronts. Not to mention an enormous future workload.

Remember:

- The applicant has not established any lawful use of the site. They were invited to do so by the submission of an application for a lawful development certificate, but withdrew it.

The Committee should, therefore, be invited to judge the application on the basis that there is no such lawful use. On that basis the policies in the development plan clearly indicate a refusal on landscape Impact and Residential Amenity grounds.

The committee is not, as its officers appear to be suggesting, bound by the committee resolution of June 2021. The committee may lawfully revisit that resolution and change their minds.

Yours sincerely
Chris Brayshay (Ms)

Email to Councillors and Officers 8.32am, 9 March 2023:

When we were first notified of this case returning to the Planning committee we requested to speak. This was denied.

At 14.00 yesterday [Wednesday] that remained your position. We assume, following our email

yesterday, that decision was overturned. So at 16.53 yesterday I was phoned by Matthew Swinford to be advised we may speak today.

This is undemocratic and impractical. You have given us less than 24 hours to prepare for this important presentation.

Therefore, the only option is for you to defer this to the next planning meeting to allow proper representation.

Please advise by 12.00 today your confirmation.

John Offord
Chair Hornton PC.