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Dear Senior Planning Officer Magnuson,

I write in advance of the Planning Committee scheduled for later today (**Thursday 9th March 2023**) at which **Planning Application - 21/00517/F** is to be further discussed/considered without representation from Hornton Parish Council due to the fact that at the time of writing, HPC had not been granted permission to speak at this crucial meeting.

I refer to my previously submitted strong objection to this planning application in its current form and with absolutely no reassurance nor confidence gained as a result of the utterly shambolic committee convened on the 17th June 2021 necessitating grave concerns to be addressed by means of a post Committee Update that followed on the 28th June 2021.

I write in solidarity with my fellow residents and neighbours represented by Hornton Parish Council with the intention of adding further weight to the request for the deferral of this application in order that the currently flawed & unenforceable conditions can be properly considered/compiled whilst enabling the relevant ward councillor to be consulted. I simply cannot fathom how CDC plan nor intend to enforce these subsequent and ill-considered conditions when the current situation exists purely as a result of the historic lack of enforcement by CDC which has effectively permitted the entirely unsanctioned operation and continual evolvment/expansion of this site; hence the retrospective nature of the original application.

Additional time is clearly required in order to permit a fresh look to be taken at this incredibly problematic application and the significant impact its approval (despite the numerous poorly-drafted conditions) will have on our local community - its people and its surroundings both environmental and ecological.

I draw your attention to and make crucial links to a 'high-profile' planning case involving a neighbouring District Council which resulted in a recent public statement and from which I take the following quotes:

"As with any other planning authority, we have a legal responsibility to make sure that planning laws and policies are followed correctly by everyone to manage development and protect local communities and the environment."

"Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which means it has to follow much tighter national planning laws to protect the natural environment." - Albeit with Hornton lying on the edge of the AONB.

"...operated for a large part of 2021 and 2022 outside the planning permissions granted... The Council gave advice to try and solve the issues in a constructive way but unfortunately, this advice was not followed. We were left with no alternative but to enforce the breaches in planning law in the same way we believe residents would want us to deal with any unlawful development..."

Our family have been a residents of Hornton for over 5 years and have therefore been direct witness to the resultant issues caused by the site whilst in active operation and the auditory blight endured during these periods. We are in full support of the latest submission by Hornton Parish Council regarding the Motocross Track planning issue and find the conditions put forward by HPC to be wholly reasonable (documented as being implemented by the sport's own governing body as well as other Councils as a means of necessary regulation) to mitigate the impacts on our unique (edge-of-Cotswolds AONB) environment and to our quality of life in so many crucial respects.

I am particularly concerned that our democratically elected and hardworking representatives of Hornton Parish Council are being directly denied a chance to put our case across at the proposed Cherwell Planning Meeting originally planned for later today.

I would be very grateful of your assurance that this email will appear on the Cherwell Planning Portal, as a Supporting Document/Public Comment to Planning Application 21/00517/F, in advance of the currently proposed District Council Planning Committee meeting at which the Motocross is scheduled to feature on the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

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