

Ms. G. Magnuson
Cherwell District Council (by email)
Planning Department
Bodicote House
Bodicote
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Dear Ms. Magnuson

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Land used for Motorcross, Stratford Road, A422, OX15 6HX

Creation of Motorcross Track and Soft Landscaping Scheme and the Change of use of Agricultural Land to Hold Motorcross 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)

I am writing to inform that all of my previous objections to this highly contentious application still stand & I will not reiterate them at length here.

I would also like to make you aware that where you state that Balscote & Wroxton Parish Council have not objected to this application, this is in fact incorrect, they did object on 09/04/2021.

As no mention of my next point made of this at the planning committee meeting, I would like to make you aware that I am a neighbouring property to the site & have a direct view of it from inside my house, as well as from my garden & was very greatly affected by the noise when the circuit was up & running.

I would like to raise a point to you that others have subsequently made. The entire track is now completely grassed over, & is effectively 're-wilded'. In order to operate, the track will have to be re-created, destroying the habitat of protected species identified by CDC's own ecology officer.

In addition, this is in fact a relatively elitist 'sport' with a massive carbon footprint. Competitors of all ages require many thousands of pounds worth of equipment per participant, including transportation, (vans & motorhomes) as well as the bikes themselves, & spectator traffic. To further impact the site, jet washers. (usually petrol) are used to clean down the motocross bikes after races, where does this effluent mixture of oil, petrol & water filter down to?

Many of my points in my original objection have never been addressed. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the section of the A422 where motocross traffic gains access to the site. In recent years, the popularity in particular of Caffeine & Machine has meant that, especially on fine evenings & at weekends, there is now a great amount of motorbike, sports car & customised car traffic. Where the unnamed road upon which my house is located joins the main road, I have on many occasions witnessed sport bikes travelling in excess of 100mph.

This last Saturday, at this same junction, I witnessed the aftermath of an accident, between customised cars, with one on its roof. The police were in attendance so this can be verified.

The potential additional motocross traffic would greatly exacerbate the danger. Having been warned of this, who at CDC would be culpable, if permission were to be granted in any way, & there were to be a tragic accident, which I believe would be sadly be the inevitable result?

In conclusion, I will reiterate the fact that there are hundreds of local objectors to this application, which is anti-the-environment, antisocial, unnecessary & unwanted by all, with the exception of the applicant, & I fail to see how this once tranquil area of North Oxfordshire has been allowed to become an unpoliced, unenforced, illegally developed, & seemingly designated 'motor-sport zone'.

With kind regards, Andrew Bock.