

ADDENDUM REPORT

Planning Committee



Item Number: 6.3

Site: Speedway Track Plymouth Road Plymouth

Application Number: I8/02083/S73

Applicant: Mr Phillips

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Public Comments

Following the noise testing of quad bikes, on 24th May 2019, a noise assessment was submitted for consideration by officers, which included the comparative noise readings for both quad bikes and speedway bikes. The Council's Public Protection Service were consulted on the noise assessment and their comments are within the main report. Third parties, who had submitted comments on the application, were also notified and were given until 26th June to make further comments if they wished. Ten public comments were received. Eight of these raise objections to the proposals on the following grounds:

1. Noise impact. Quad bike noise was different from speedway bikes as not as high pitched but still there.
2. It (quad bikes) were louder than the speedway bikes.
3. The noise level of the trial was excessive even indoors with double glazed windows closed.
4. The quad bike racing will generate greater sound levels at certain frequencies as described in the provided data. Certain frequencies of sound travel further and therefore will have an impact on a wider area.
5. The results of the consultancy report are not reliable when extrapolated to the general district.

Two letters of support were received, including that the noise level from the race track would not exceed that currently apparent when the bikes are racing.

These comments do not alter the officer recommendation in the main report.

Use of the site by 'buggies'

The officer report refers to the proposed use of the site by 'buggies', which are claimed to use the same lawn-mower engines as found in the mini-motos, which are permitted, under the extant permission, to run on certain Saturdays during the season. Officers have considered the following factors relating to this proposal:

- a) The buggies use the same specification lawn mower engines as used in the permitted mini-motos.
- b) Buggy racing is regulated and has strict noise controls.
- c) Noise data on the buggies could be provided before buggies are used at the site.
- d) The applicant has agreed to the following condition, which allows the use of buggies on the site subject to the submission of further information.

'The use of the site by 'buggies' shall not commence until further noise data is submitted for consideration by the Local Planning Authority and the noise emanating from the use of the site by 'buggies' shall not exceed the noise that emanates from the use of the site by speedway bikes.

Reason:

In the interests of neighbours' amenities in accordance with policies DEV1 and DEV2 of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.'

On this basis officers consider that, if members were minded to approve the application, this condition could be added to the decision notice.