

APPLICATION NO: 15/02065/FUL		OFFICER: Mr Ben Hawkes	
DATE REGISTERED: 30th November 2015		DATE OF EXPIRY : 25th January 2016	
WARD:		PARISH:	
APPLICANT:	Ms N Powell		
LOCATION:	Burrows Sports Field, Merlin Way, Cheltenham		
PROPOSAL:	Construction of BMX pump track		

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION

46 Merlin Way
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0LU

Comments: 15th February 2016
Letter attached.

16th February 2016

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Sent:

14 February 2016 13:55

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Subject:

BMX track proposal for Burrows Field

Attachments:

Analysis of Comments to Burrows Field BMX Track proposal.pdf

Dear All,

I have become quite concerned about the application to build a BMX track on Burrows Field and hence did some analysis of the online comments and letters that have been submitted. In particular I looked at the numbers in objection and support in relation to their origins. I did that by taking the addresses of the respondents and using Google maps to find their distances by road from the entrance to the field.

Some key derived facts and a histogram of the balance by distance from the field are in the attached document. (The distance bands are entirely my choice but I think the picture is quite clear).

Best regards,

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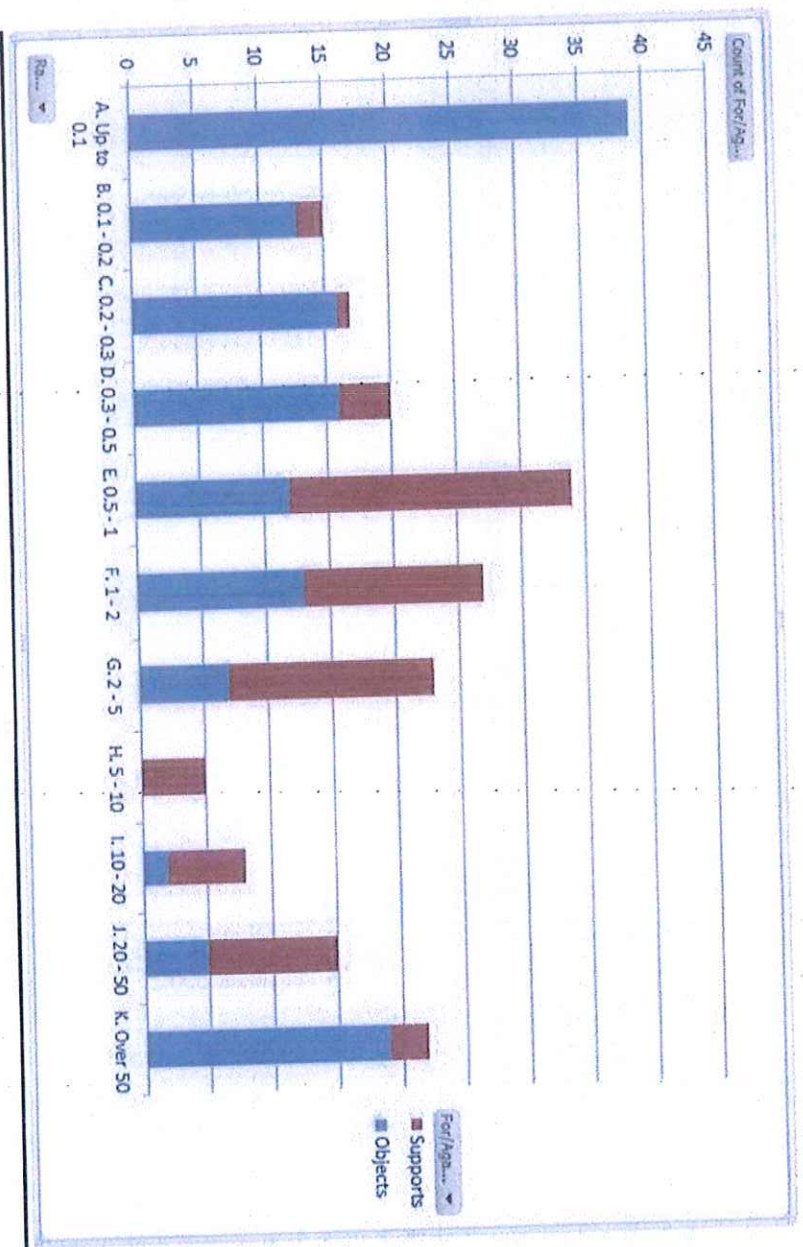
Analysis of Comments to Burrows Field BMX Track proposal

Key Facts

1. There are 225 responses in total, 200 online and 25 letters.
2. Of the 25 letters, 24 are in objection and just 1, from out of town, is in support. That is an overwhelming majority in objection.
3. Of the 225 total responses there are 142 objections versus 83 in support. That is a very sizeable majority in objection.
4. Of the 56 respondents living very close by (within 0.2 of a mile of the entrance to the field), 54 are in objection and just 2 are in support.
5. Of the 98 respondents living within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the entrance to the field, 91 are in objection and 7 are in support.
6. Of all the respondents living in Cheltenham, 116 are in objection, whilst 58 are in support. That is twice as many in objection as in support. Further to that, the average distance from the entrance to the field of the supporters is 1.42 miles, whilst that of the objectors is 0.57 miles. In other words, a minority living further away, whose properties and immediate environment would not be affected, are in support, whilst those who really would be affected are more than overwhelmingly against.

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Balance of Objection and Support by Distance from Site



Distance in miles from entrance to field

