

# Go-kart track rejected amid fears over noise

**PLANS for a go-kart track have been rejected by South Staffordshire Council. Councillors voted almost unanimously to reject the plans submitted by Chasewater Kart Racing.**

The one-kilometre track would have been built on the former Hollybush Farm in Warstone Road, Shareshill. Mike Stackhouse, chairman of the club, said: "We were formerly based in Chasewater.

"But we had to close when construction of the M6 Toll forced us out.

"We have rejected several sites already due to the very concerns raised by councillors about this application and only decided to go ahead with this site as we feel it gives us the best chance to overcome these issues.

"We still feel that we can overcome them."

The main issues raised against the application were noise, traffic created by visitors and encroachment onto green belt land. The track would have been open seven days a week, and special race days would have been held at certain points throughout the year.

## Parking

"Around the country, many other circuits have been built down country lanes, just as ours would be," Mr Stackhouse said. "They do not cause issues.

The plans also included a race control building with a toilet, food preparation area and picnic area, a storage building and car parking, as well as new access from Warstone Road and landscaping around the track.

Councillor Robert Cope said: "The site has a high visual prominence and no account has been taken upon the visual effects it will have when viewed from Shareshill village and Saredon Hill which overlooks the site." Saredon, Shareshill, Hilton, Cheslyn Hay and Featherstone Parish Councils objected to the plans.