

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="Erection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities and uses including for conferences, exhibitions, education, and other events, club shop, public restaurant, bar, health and wellbeing facility/clinic, and gym (Use Class E/Sui Generis), hotel (Use Class C1), external concourse/fan-zone, car and cycle parking, access and highway works, utilities, public realm, landscaping and all associated and ancillary works and structures"/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Dan Levy"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="County Hall, ,Oxford"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>I am writing in my capacity as County Councillor for the Eynsham division. Although I have a cabinet function at the County Council, this comment is specifically to represent the concerns of local people in Eynsham and Cassington.</p> <p>Many of the residents I represent are supporters of Oxford United, and they and I want the club to thrive now and in the future. There is a lot in the planning application which is excellent and which everyone can support.</p> <p>However, the travel arrangements on matchdays create a potential problem, and the information given by the applicant is insufficient to be able to do anything other than object to the application.</p> <p>In particular the effect of a closure of Oxford Road before and after games is likely to put extra traffic on Frieze Way and on the roundabouts at each end of it, and on the Wolvercote roundabout. This will be particularly acute on midweek evening games, when football traffic is joined to rush hour traffic, and in which people exiting Oxford Parkway by car will be obligated to turn left and go onto the ring road. I have concerns that the A40 eastbound from Eynsham will be severely congested, and any change to the traffic light signalling at a time when the lights are programmed to let westbound traffic have longer through time may lead to congestion to the east of Wolvercote too.</p> <p>Congestion is not just a problem for local residents. The area where congestion is likely is the meeting point of key freight routes on the A40, A34 and A44. The junctions are already operating at near capacity.</p> <p>Many of my residents use Parkway station. They will be badly impacted on match days. Others use Hanborough. The car park there is frequently full by mid-morning. If there is additional usage of the Cotswold Line because people choose to avoid Parkway, then the unsatisfactory carparking will get worse.</p> <p>In addition, although the applicant aspires for most fans to reach the stadium by public transport or by bike, which is excellent, the reality is that many fans will choose to use personal cars.</p> <p>There are no late night regular bus services from close to the stadium to Eynsham and Witney. The S1 is currently routed that way, but this is scheduled to end when Botley Road reopens. Unless such routes are opened, many people will opt to drive.</p> <p>I have a concern that many of these coming from the west, from Eynsham, Witney and beyond, will go through Cassington to Yarnton and Kidlington. This road is not designed to take high traffic volumes. Cassington village has issues with speeding and with queueing traffic. The reverse journey after 10pm on weekday games and early evening on Saturday games will cause disruption to residents in Cassington.</p> <p>People may well choose to try to park in Kidlington, which may or may not be acceptable</p>

and is outside my concerns as councillor for Eynsham, but their journey there will impact on the residents I represent.

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