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I OBJECT to the Planning Application 24/00539/F.

There's been an adverse effect on traffic flow around N Oxford for some time on account of developments in the area, and road closures and extra traffic connected with construction of the stadium/hotel complex will have a further negative impact. Moreover there will be a continuing adverse effect on match days, with little local parking (such as there is at the Kassam Stadium).

I object also on the basis of building on green belt, and the adverse effect on bio-diversity as the rural corridors north of Oxford are built over.

**My main objection is that I'm concerned that OUFC will not be able to generate the money needed to sustain the use of the stadium,** and that the stadium itself will end up as a white elephant, which will have generated much economic and amenity loss during its construction, and which will have no alternative future function or purpose.

I believe the financial wellbeing of OUFC, and continuity for its fan base, will be far better served by revisiting the option of maintaining the Kassam Stadium as its home – a club stadium is seldom ideal, and this may be the case for the Kassam stadium, but it nonetheless has much to commend it, and for OUFC to turn its back on this asset seems reckless. Besides, public transport links for the proposed new stadium at Kidlington will leave many supporters with a serious challenge to access the venue. Moreover the proposed re-purposing of the Kassam stadium does not look to be making good use of the facility long term, which will simply mean an asset which is perfectly viable in its current role going to waste.