Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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Location

Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington

Proposal

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

Laura Bell

Organisation

Name

Address

Type of Comment

Type

Comments

Objection

neighbour

I wish to object to the proposed Oxford United Stadium site to be built on land adjacent to Stratfield Brake.

Firstly, I strongly object to another yet another proposal to build on our Green Belt land. I would question why you are unable to consider brown field sites. I believe that the old Oxford greyhound racing stadium still remains unused. Once our green spaces are gone, they are gone for good.

Secondly, I object to proposed local road closures in Kidlington on match days. Why should local residents who pay their council tax have to abide by such restrictions to go about their normal everyday business to allow for a football match.

Thirdly, what will local people get out of such a business orientated development on their doorstep. Where is our running track, where is our velodrome, where are our enhanced subsidised sports facilities, where are our discounted or free tickets to see football matches? In Hillingdon in London as part of a proposal for a new housing development and supermarket, there was a trade off that developers would also pay for a purpose built outdoor cycle track which is open to the local community. Why are you not asking for the same trade offs and being more forward thinking. We already have a major hotel chain opposite Kidlington Airport, why do we need another situated on the other side of the village too.

Fourthly, the suggestion that football fans will attend the stadium on foot from the train station is completely flawed. Locals may opt to do so, but those coming from further a field will surely choose to drive bringing more traffic to our village making it difficult for locals to, again, go about their daily activities. By closing roads on match days, you are either trying to deter football fans from parking in roads where they shouldn't on match days or suggesting that increased traffic is a safety issue.

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