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

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Comments

Support

neighbour

I believe that this is the time when the city of Oxford needs to show its support not just for the counties premier football league club but for the future benefits of the local community. I have been a supporter of Oxford UTD since the 70's and have enjoyed the highs and suffered the lows that supporting my local club brings. There is the danger of a terrible 'low' should the club end up homeless. After spending years renting an unfinished stadium and not being able to raise the match day revenues required to help the club survive and prosper, the chance of having their own modern state of the art stadium is surely something the council should support. Both the local communities and city centre will reap the benefits of a stadium that allows a larger following of away supporters. Many supporters of football clubs these days like to make a weekend of away games. Large numbers of fans stay in the town or city on the Saturday night following a game. That's hotel rooms and bed and breakfast establishments bringing in extra revenue when it's out of the summer tourist season. Eateries of every description will have extra diners and so it goes on. Even the local taxi firms will benefit from taking these same supporters back to the places they are staying in. I know from experience that all of this will happen, I moved away from Oxfordshire ten years ago and now live in the Brecon Beacons but I still follow Oxford to away games and we often stay the night if its an interesting or coastal fixture. Between us we contribute greatly to the local economy and so do many others doing the same. We chat to supporters of other clubs who say they would love a day and evening out in Oxford. With the stadium offering many other benefits, not just the football, it will clearly be an asset for huge numbers of local people and groups. If the stadium gets to become a music venue to be added to the calendar of groups doing stadium tours then all of the financial benefits for the community mentioned above will again be evident. All in all I think the proposal for the new Oxford stadium will be nothing but beneficial and I sincerely hope that the council can realise the advantages that this proposal brings to the city.

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