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 would like to express my support for the proposal to build a new stadium for OUFC within the land known as "the triangle". This is a unique opportunity to allow significant investment into the county. The Kassam Stadium is an eyesore and an embarrassment to both OUFC and the City. The proposed new stadium offers the opportunity for a replacement community facility which the whole county can be proud of.

A significant benefit is the vastly improved transport links. I have been attending games every year since the Kassam Stadium opened in 2001 and have never been to a match without driving. As a resident of Thame it would be a pleasure to have the opportunity to travel by train from Haddenham & Thame Parkway followed by a short walk to the ground.

Attending football matches has always been a family experience for me: my father, brother and I are all season ticket holders and I have recently started taking my two daughters, aged 12 and 7 to games. I would love to able to take them to see the OUFC women's team playing at the same ground as the men, something that is not currently possible under the terms of the Kassam stadium license.

But ultimately this is about preserving the future of the club, which is not possible in the long term whilst it remains a tenant of Firoz Kassam. The club needs a ground which it owns to allow it to generate ancillary revenue to offset the losses which are currently absorbed by it's ownership. Without this it cannot be sustainably successful. As such I urge you to preserve the future of Oxfordshire's only professional sports club for future generations by approving this application.

Kind regards, James Harris

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