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 am writing to strongly object. I am an Oxford united fan but can see no need for the new stadium as the current one could be adapted or changed. In terms of the planning application the following points need to be made.

Parking/Roads/Highway safety

1. Extremely poor planning for parking and road safety. It is not surely possible to close roads around the stadium so close to the city. There is minimal parking planned and congestion around the city and in residential roads will cause major problems for locals and businesses alike. It is well known other cities with stadiums in built up residential areas that parking becomes extraordinarily problematic for locals and businesses. Roads become blocked totally with double parking etc occurring. Oxford is already a very congested city and to the north with more housing planned this will become a major headache for everyone. It is simply not doable. There does not seem to be any planning for security or fines for parking etc. Road closures have been objected to on very stong grounds by the police: it will be unsafe for the area. Surely this must be taken seriously. Roads in the vicinity will be blocked and locals lives made impossible. Furthermore the Oxford Parkway station is called that for a reason. Its parking for those in the CITY who need to travel. It would be crazy to close the road to it/near it on match or event days.

Drainage and Flood risk/ Nature conservation/Impact on trees

2. Greenbelt. This is the last piece of green belt between the Oxford and Kidlington. The wildlife that will be destroyed and the habitats/trees etc taken away is simply reprehensible at a time of global warming, flood risk and pollution. This is an area of wildlife which is well known to harbour and shelter species which need protection not eradication. We live in the most nature depleted country in Europe and this plan will simply increase this problem further. The citizens of Oxford pride themselves on the greeness and pleasantness of our city; this is precious and makes Oxford special but this is being eroded to the point where the city is being concreted over, this plan simply adds to this. We will lose this aspect of our city. The long term effects of this will be serious for health, welfare and for the safety of residents as more flooding will inevitably emerge as the options for tree replacement are not serious or thought through (it takes decades for trees to grow not years); as well as the loss of local species and flora.

Noise Pollution

3. The amount of noise created in this area will be huge. Summertown and Kidlington are percieved as very attractive places to reside. This will simply be lost completly so that the areas will no longer attract investment. Noise pollution is not acceptable so close to massive residential areas. Kassam Stadium can easily be changed and developed properly into a more appropriate venue. This is not only on match days but when any event is planned at the stadium; noise will become a weekly feature of the stadium. Please consider the long term impact of this.

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