Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number 24/00539/F

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 strongly object to this application for the following reasons;

- 1. it is in green belt land which should only be developed in exceptional circumstances. A football stadium is not an exceptional circumstance
- 2. it is in an area of important bio diversity, Such areas are precious and must be protected
- 3. it is a small site bordered by 2 key roads and next to densely populated areas of North Oxford and Kidlington.
- 4. The majority of respondents to Kidlington PC poll (70%) did not support the stadium being sited here. To my knowledge North Oxford residents have not been polled but I do know there is enormous opposition to this in that area too.
- 5. The main Banbury/Oxford Road already suffers traffic congestion at times and this will soon worsen once new housing developments on the Water Eaton side are completed. To subject local residents to any further congestion/ pollution etc would be abhorrent
- 5. Road closures on match days would be completely unacceptable, again causing unacceptable disruption to local residents' lives
- 6. There would be safety concerns with large number of pedestrians trying to cross the main road from Oxford Parkway. (A bridge would not solve this problem entirely as some would undoubtedly choose not to use this)

The entire proposal is flawed, it has been pushed through with no thought for sustainability (there is nothing wrong with the current Kassam site and it is in more suitable area with the possibility of improved transport links including the reopening of the Cowley railway line) No consideration has been given to local residents in Kidlington and North Oxford or for the future of the football club were it to become successful and attract bigger attendances. The site is simply too small and not the right area - it is not even in Oxford! I understand that the option for OUFC to remain at the Kassam remains and the club must be pressed by the council to proceed in this way by rejection of this planning application

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