

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

I was born and brought up in Oxford (Wolvercote) and have been a supporter of Oxford United since the early 1970s. I continue to attend matches regularly, despite moving away from the area, as do countless others. This demonstrates the importance of a local football club in fostering an enduring sense of belonging to and pride in not only the club, but also the wider Oxford community.

It is a source of frustration that the Kassam Stadium is in such an inconvenient location in terms of public transport options. This means that I have to use a car when attending matches. In contrast, the proposed new stadium at "The Triangle" would have excellent transport links. I look forward to being able to attend matches by train rather than by car. I am also excited by the proposed facilities to encourage cyclists.

I am very impressed by the design of the new stadium, and the emphasis placed on environmental issues, making it a welcoming resource in the heart of the community, in contrast to The Kassam, which is frankly unfit for purpose.

The club plays such an important role in the life of the community and the proposed new stadium is essential for its survival. It would in my view be disastrous if we were to lose this opportunity to provide a highly valuable asset to benefit not only the football club, but also the wider community in terms of providing investment for:

- * improved sports fields at Stratfield Brake
- * usable green space in previously inaccessible scrubland
- * a hub for community activities
- * local jobs and economic benefits for businesses in Kidlington both on match days and throughout the year.

Received Date

Attachments