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As a local resident of Kidlington I would like to register my objections to the building of the proposed Oxford United football stadium on the following grounds.

1. The stadium would be built on green belt land. In the last Conservative's Party manifesto the government pledged to protect the green belt. In this instance I cannot see how it meets the 'very special circumstances' criteria. This piece of land will be the last green space separating Oxford and Kidlington.
2. Residents of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke will already have to endure increased traffic volumes and delays once the already agreed 4400 new houses and the North Oxford Golf Course projects are started. The proposed OUFC development is situated on the main routes to the A34 and the new "Northern Gateway".
3. Kidlington residents will experience issues with match day parking. Currently parking at the existing Kassam stadium causes issues for residents of Grenoble Road, Blackbird Leys, Sandford and Littlemore. These issues are experienced with a far smaller stadium than that proposed and that is with onsite parking available at the Kassam site. The new proposed stadium has no provision for public parking. OUFC fans already walk long distances to get to matches from surrounding areas therefore residential streets and carparks in the south and central Kidlington will be affected on match days.
4. Fans parking at the Park and Ride and Parkway car parks will have to cross the busy A4165 Kidlington to Oxford road. This has a Pelican crossing that will be constantly in use causing tailbacks to the Sainsbury's roundabout and Jordan Hill. This will also increase journey times for residents using private and public transport. Waves of people trying to cross this busy road would also be a safety hazard.
5. The residents of Kidlington would find a match day road closure totally unacceptable. This would mean a forced restriction of free movement out of and into Kidlington. It would also mean increased response and journey times for emergency services, particularly ambulances travelling to the John Radcliffe A&E.