

## **Facilities**

While one can understand the club wanting to receive regular income throughout the year, the idea of incorporating a 180 bed hotel on such a small site and limiting the ground capacity of the club seems quite astonishing.

When Oxford United played at The Manor in Headington, although a small ground, it was, nevertheless possible to expand to accommodate over 20,000 propos growing

and a move to, at least The Championship, potential crowds in excess of 16,000 on a fairly frequent basis.

If, as the Board of the club says, Oxford United has big ambitions, it should recognise the unacceptable limitations of "The Triangle" site.

There appear to be very few bars and restaurants to cater for pre- and post-match drinks and meals within the stadium and little anywhere nearby outside the site. This is not good for home or away supporters after travelling to the ground.

## **Transport**

As the club will know from its data base of season ticket holders, yellow members and general sales, Oxford United supporters travel to the current ground from across the county and beyond, with, an estimate of 3,000 cars for a match of around 9,000. The rest travelling by special buses, some regular service buses, cycles motor bikes or by walking.

Although a shuttle bus service of sorts, could reduce this number of cars, perhaps by as much as 500 to 750, there are serious questions as to how and where they will be picked up. If at all of the Park and Ride sites around the city then that will have an impact on the places available for visitors into Oxford.

Then, of course, how are the drivers and their passengers in over 2,000 cars, who for whatever reason, cannot use a bus service, going to access the stadium?

Understandingly, there will be yellow cones throughout Kidlington to prevent them parking there, which will, also, detrimentally affect people visiting friends and family members or local businesses.

For a full stadium of 16,000 the matter becomes unthinkable.