

the time at weekends, and on busy residential streets. The new Oxford traffic filters will soon mean more people visiting Westgate and the city centre need to use the park and ride, meaning increased demand for park and ride parking from this group. The Match Day Parking Zones that are proposed in the application will have a significant effect on those of us living near the site and would have an adverse impact on our quality of life as streets are currently already busy and congested. If parking is taken up by Oxford United fans there will be less for eg community football events and other sports and weekend leisure activities that help to make our community vibrant and healthy.

- Road closures and increased traffic congestion. As the police have already outlined, there are major problems with the proposed road closures and the inevitable road and pavement congestion. The concerns of Thames Valley Police around congestion and safety have not been addressed in the planning application. At the moment it is not possible to comment on traffic modelling because the VISSIM models have not been produced. Nevertheless, it is clear that the location would be a disaster for the nearby roads. The A34 and A40 are key roads serving Oxford and the surrounding area and are extremely vulnerable to congestion and sensitive to traffic incidents already. Road closures (the 'diversions' in the application) and the lack of the promised footbridge are completely unacceptable because closures would

- Promised community benefits should not depend on the club getting its new site. If the club is genuinely community-minded, it would be perfectly capable of developing more community initiatives, benefitting the wider Oxfordshire area, from its current site. The club is not a charity but a business and it is naive to believe that it will put community benefit above profit, no matter what promises it makes now try try and get its application approved.

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