## 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

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**Comments** 

Support

neighbour

Oxford United is a vital part of both the Town and the County's identity. It literally unites an incredible array of all types of people (races, classes, social backgrounds) from across the county and gives them a sense of togetherness and identity which is priceless in terms of social inclusion and mental health for all its supporters. It provides business and sponsorship opportunities for local firms and generally some intangible kind of hope to the many loyal supporters and the wider community.

It is essential that this application is approved and a new stadium constructed because it seems apparent that there is no alternative option of extending the lease at the Kassam even temporarily. The Kassam is far from ideal in terms of its infrastructure, benefit to the club itself and accessibility. In fact it is pretty awful on all counts. Hence, even if an extended lease were to be possible somehow, a new stadium is required in order to keep the club moving forwards and continuing to tie together a mixed range of all types of people from across the whole county.

This location is very good in terms of accessibility for home and away fans, as well as providing a 24/7 leisure resource for the local community.

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