

Objection to Planning Application 24/00539/F

Proposed Stadium and Hotel at 'the Triangle', Kidlington.

From: Kidlington Development Watch

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Kidlington Development Watch (KDW) was established in 2014 because of concerns about proposals for excessive development and their damaging consequences in and around Kidlington. It aims to provide information to residents about planning proposals affecting Kidlington and has been a very active participant in the Local Plan Process. It has a large mailing list and can reasonably claim to represent the views of a large number of residents.

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1. This proposed development is strongly opposed by a large majority of Kidlington residents. Surveys have consistently shown that around two-thirds of residents are against the proposal. A parish poll, undertaken in conditions not conducive to a high turnout, attracted a turnout comparable to local elections and showed that 69.1% of voters rejected the proposed stadium.
2. A stadium would result in substantial adverse consequences and disruption for Kidlington residents when football matches and other events take place because of increased traffic, on street parking, difficulties in travelling, and potential anti-social behaviour.

Travel, Traffic and Parking

3. The application does not provide sufficient information to properly assess the impact on traffic flow, travel time, public transport capacity or crowd control measures. It should not be decided until these are submitted and have been consulted on.
4. Claims by the applicant that 90% of travel would not be by private transport are clearly nonsense. This is the opposite of the situation at the current stadium where over 80% travel by car or van.
5. Closeness to the Railway Station is not relevant as travel by train would not be suitable for the overwhelming majority of home or away supporters.
6. Parking provision for the stadium is therefore clearly inadequate.
7. Existing Park and Ride car parking is intended to allow visitors to Oxford to travel into the city by bus, whether their journey is for work, shopping or visiting theatres, museums and other attractions. Use for the proposed stadium would inevitably disrupt this and be damaging to Oxford City Centre.
8. Parking would inevitably occur extensively on residential streets and any accessible vacant space in Kidlington.
9. Proposed parking restrictions would not be capable of being enforced.
10. Proposed closure of the Oxford Road would result in huge inconvenience for Kidlington residents as it is the main route into Oxford by public transport (many buses per hour), cycling and motor vehicles. Although Oxford Road is