## Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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** 

Objection

neighbour

Oxford United's proposal to move to 'The Triangle' (near the Kidlington Roundabout) is wrong in at least three major aspects:

- 1. It is on Green Belt land. One of the chief purposes of Green Belt status is to stop built up areas coalescing. The County Council appreciated the importance of keeping Oxford and the rapidly expanding village of Kidlington separate when it bought the land now known as the Triangle in 1937. Allowing a large hotel and a 16,000 capacity stadium to be built on this site is totally against the spirit and purpose of the Oxford Green Belt.
- 2. The applicant needs to demonstrate "very special circumstances" in order to justify breaching the Green Belt. OUFC claim that they have to move from their current ground because the lease of is due to expire shortly (2026). But they have been told they can remain at the Kassam stadium by the owner. I have seen no argument put forward by OUFC which counters this point. There appears to be no need to move at all.
- 3. The traffic 'proposals' would appear to designed to cause total gridlock on match days. I and others is North Oxford will be blocked off from cycling or driving north of Summertown, and I'm sure there'll be severe effects on local parking in Cutteslowe and Summertown too.

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