

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

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**Comments**

I welcome the planning application by Oxford United Football Club Limited which allows plans for the potential stadium to be looked at in more detail. OUFC needs a long term home and I am glad that this potential site is being looked at carefully.

I would like to bring a number of issues to the attention of the Planning Committee that have been raised with me by my constituents living near to the proposed stadium site.

I hope that the Planning Committee will look at these aspects of the decision carefully before making their decision.

Traffic & Transport

One of the potential benefits of this site is that it is next door to Oxford Parkway Station and several existing bus routes. This could lead to OUFC matches being much better served by public transport and active travel in line with the County Council Local Connectivity and Transport Plan.

There is significant concern about the proposed road closures on match days. My and my residents' understanding was that the club had committed to avoiding disruption to the local transport network on match days. I hope that the Planning Committee will expect the club to satisfy this expectation.

The club had suggested that a footbridge between the site and Oxford Parkway. I would encourage the Planning Committee to insist on this as part of the plans, and one with sufficient capacity to avoid any need for disruption to existing travel.

Similarly, the club had committed to less than 10% of attendees arriving by car. I hope that the Planning Committee will ensure that the travel plans the club puts forward will be robust enough to ensure that this is the case. This plan also appears to be highly reliant on significant numbers of attendees parking at the various Park & Ride sites around Oxford and then getting shuttle buses to the ground. Is there enough capacity at the Park & Ride sites to accommodate this number of additional vehicles and is there a realistic plan for how this presumably large number of shuttle buses will then get to the ground?

In general it looks to me like there is still a lot of work to be done on traffic and transport issues.

Parking

Many of my constituents in south Kidlington and Gosford are concerned about attendees parking on local roads. I can see that some proposals have been put forward about this, which is welcome. Please can the Planning Committee ensure that any such plans to deal with stadium parking cover a wide enough area, based on evidence from football stadiums elsewhere, and that management of these arrangements on the day will be robust. There is