

why hasn't the list of those alternatives been published? Do they exist? Who set the arbitrary radius of 7km? Why hasn't a brown field site been looked at (e.g. Didcot?).

d. There will be benefits to the Club associated with the financial sustainability of owning their own stadium. There is no guarantee that the club will own its own stadium, in fact it is likely that it will not as this will be owned by financial institutions and major investors! Nor is it likely to own the conference facilities, or hotel, or the commercial retail sites that it thinks will generate revenue. Even if the current owners say OUFC will own these the club could be sold and the situation could change overnight.

e. Economic benefits: FoSB says much of this could be delivered at the Kassam Stadium where it would arguably be of more benefit. And again the figures seem overly optimistic. The economic disadvantages to Oxford's city centre are overlooked. Full Park & Rides because the fans got there first and additional traffic will not help struggling retail outlets in the City.

4. Environmental benefits:

a. The most environmentally friendly solution is to stay at the Kassam Stadium, particularly

b. Remember that residents of Kidlington are voters and many care about the environment - allowing this stadium to destroy the environment will be reflected in future voting at the ballot box!

c. Sustainable travel: OUFC "has an aim that 90% of fans will travel to the Stadium by sustainable modes" however there is no effective strategy in place to achieve this. Many (or based on current travel patterns, most) fans will be attracted to the parking at the Park & Ride sites. The potential for OUFC to impact how away fans travel is limited.

d. Biodiversity enhancement: The development will not deliver a 10% biodiversity net gain.

e. Improved access to the Green Belt: How can a football stadium provide this? The amount of open Green Belt and green space will be minimal. The garden area is only about the size of the Kidlington Roundabout and the heavy footfall will mean it won't stay green for long. Also, on match days the plaza and garden will be a fan-zone, so we presume only really accessible to the general public on other days! No public rights of way are being created over the site.

f. Nature conservation

As a member of the BBOWT I object to the taking of more green belt land away from wildlife and their habitats, which cannot be replaced once gone! The Council states that it has green credentials but the felling of any trees and the destruction of green belt land is against those fundamental principles of being green.

The bat and reptile surveys which took place from August 2022 to October 2022 were not conducted properly. The resulting data is therefore unreliable and must be repeated. The number of breeding bird surveys is insufficient and the timing, only in June, missed the important March - May period. Further survey work is therefore required for an accurate assessment of breeding birds.

f. Plans for a proposed wildlife-rich green area at the northern tip of the site are totally unrealistic. This area and the northern plaza will be a fan-zone on matchdays! With 16,000 or more people on site, and the location of the green area next to public areas designed for socialising etc, the probability of this area remaining green and enabling wildlife to thrive is zero. (This area is a key part of the flawed strategy for a 10% Biodiversity Net Gain).

g. BBOWT previously commented that it would be necessary to have segregated areas with no public access. Cherwell DC's Ecology Officer also stated: "The very high level of public use of the site which will occur at certain times will necessitate some areas to be retained and managed solely for biodiversity to ensure habitats can function". The planning application seems to entirely ignore these fundamental recommendations which were made at an early stage by important stakeholders.

h. The development will not achieve the 10% Biodiversity Net Gain required by the emerging policy, Core Policy 14: Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services (CP14) which is included in the draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040.