

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

Type of Comment

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Comments

My main concern about the application at this stage is the negative impact to residents. These include traffic (I do not think that the current traffic modelling is sufficient to fully address the impacts), road closures (especially as a cyclist who can't just 'nip' down Frieze Way), parking, noise, potential disorder and police presence.

This is on top of a fundamental objection to granting permission to build on a piece of land that was bought specifically to preserve it as green belt land and to maintain a separation between Oxford and Kidlington. I do not believe that the 'very special circumstances' warranted overruling the seven rules that were set down specifically to stop development of this piece of land.

I do not believe that the application does enough to address these issues and to allay my fears on these areas. At present there is maybe a tractor or two accessing this site. The difference between this and a 16,000 capacity stadium and hotel is staggering and I am not convinced by this application that I as a resident will not be prevented from my normal day to day life once this has been built. Given that the community benefits are also questionable the ratio between benefits and dis-benefits (especially for those without an interest in football) is heavily weighted towards dis-benefits and to such a degree that I don't believe that the current application should be approved.

I would also welcome an independent review of the alternatives e.g what powers could other councils use to enable the current stadium to be maintained (given the very special circumstances)

2. Scoping alternative sites (other sites of similar size were rejected because they were too small I believe) and
3. Whether the risk of the club losing their stadium really warrants the negative impact on residents when the club could potentially share stadia with other clubs etc

I also note a lot of aspirations on how environmentally friendly the building will be, but I am not convinced that the club will deliver these once the application has been approved and nor do I see how the club would be held to account should it not deliver.

Received Date

Attachments