

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

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I have been following this proposed development from the beginning of negotiations, and it is very clear that a great deal of research, planning and groundwork has been carried out by dedicated staff of Oxford United Football Club. The club has always provided more than football entertainment in the many years I have been following them - since the 1960s - and it feels like being part of a big family. I know that interest in the Club is not only local but nationwide; in fact, worldwide with supporters tuning in to radios, watching live matches on tv, and contributing to discussions from all over the world. If (hopefully when!) a new purpose-built stadium emerges, that interaction will definitely be enhanced.

Those of us in the area know that Kidlington is a Village, which seems strange considering its size and the massive growth in housing and industry over the past thirty or so years! It surely is a TOWN, and as such the existence of a modern first-class arena for entertainment, not only sporting, would suit modern-day Kidlington residents, and attract visitors bringing economic benefits. The area lacks good family-type facilities and community hubs. It is easily accessed from both the Oxford City direction and other surrounding towns and villages.

I understand great attention has been paid to the environment, especially in terms of promoting access by public transport - obviously making full use of the nearby rail station. Car use would be greatly discouraged. One can appreciate the attractive design features within the plans, impressive landscaping, and apparently hundreds of trees would be planted in the vicinity.

Therefore, I fully support Oxford United's application.

**Received Date**

**Attachments**