

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

Type of Comment

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Comments

1) Loss of amenity and accessibility to the local community - regular road closures and diversions will cause immeasurable disruption to local citizens and those passing through the north Oxford area who have a right to go about their business unimpeded. On principle alone this is unacceptable. No other sport or activity would be allowed to command this sort of privilege on such a regular basis. Anything considered for the site causing such disruption should NOT be allowed on this basis alone. Two specific examples: I know a mother of young children who will struggle to get to and from work shifts in central Oxford on the bus on match days (she doesn't have a car); in my case as a self-employed person I will be unable to see clients (they travel to my location in Kidlington) as the diversion and delay will make it too difficult for them to attend appointments, and also to difficult for us to travel to Oxford work locations on match days. This makes me anxious for the future living here in Kidlington and also very angry that it might be considered acceptable to interfere with my ability to earn a living and support my family. Why should Oxford United have the right to disrupt local lives and livelihoods in this way? What does an Oxford city football club have to do with Kidlington and why should this population have to suffer? The cost to the community is not proportionate to any possible benefit.

2) Parking - I am under no illusion that whatever the provision for parking, visitors to the stadium will park and obstruct local roads causing local annoyance and disruption.

3) Air and noise pollution - it cannot be argued that is a 'sustainable' or 'green' development when it will bring so much additional polluting traffic to the area. The noise of the traffic and of the matches themselves will disturb the peace for miles around.

4) Destruction of the Green Belt preserving the gap between Oxford and Kidlington.

5) Destruction of the environment and ecosystem in 'The Triangle' where there is a biodiverse wildlife habitat.

6) The reasons why the club are moving from the Kassam are questionable to say the least. The way the whole process has been carried out has thrown Kidlington 'under the bus' and local people have not had enough input into this decision.

I am quite nervous about posting my objections here and having those supporting the stadium able to read them. I imagine this is putting off many people from objecting. I hope that the local community will be given more consideration than those writing comments who don't live anywhere near this area and will not have to deal with the fallout from the project going ahead.

For reason 1) alone this project MUST NOT go ahead! Please please defend our local community of 1000s of citizens who will be adversely affected and not able to go about their rightful business on match days in particular. This is the wrong location and access is not