

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<input type="text" value="Erection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities and uses including for conferences, exhibitions, education, and other events, club shop, public restaurant, bar, health and wellbeing facility/clinic, and gym (Use Class E/Sui Generis), hotel (Use Class C1), external concourse/fan-zone, car and cycle parking, access and highway works, utilities, public realm, landscaping and all associated and ancillary works and structures"/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am writing to express my dismay at the prospective plans to build football stadium at The Triangle, Kidlington.</p> <p>Over the years I have seen the green areas in Kidlington and surrounds being lost as hundreds of homes have been built but have understood that these homes are needed for families and accepted the decisions made by Cherwell in this regard. However, the structure of football stadium is wholly detrimental to the people of Kidlington for the following reasons.....</p> <p>Green Belt This hugely important green space has been eroded, slowly but surely, over the years and a huge swathe of this precious space will soon be lost by the erection of thousands of new homes to fulfil unmet needs of Oxford City Council. This will have a huge impact on the local environment but I understand the need for new housing so accept this situation. However, I cannot accept that one of the last plots of Green Belt land is being considered as a suitable site for a football stadium. There are no special circumstances for allowing this proposal to be accepted. This venture by the owners of OUFC is for their own financial benefit to the detriment of Kidlington residents who value what remains of the Green Belt around the area.</p> <p>Noise</p> <p>The owners of OUFC have already stated that, in order for this proposed stadium to earn it's keep, it will be open for business for over 300 days each year. Their business model will probable include concerts and high volume promotions. It is highly disingenuous for Oxford United fans to continually state that any disturbance to the residents of Kidlington will be restricted to their 40 odd home matches each year. This is clearly not true. Kidlington residents, particularly in Gosford and Garden City areas will be severely affected by noise throughout the year.</p> <p>Traffic</p> <p>The roads surrounding Kidlington are already extremely busy and the impact of the thousands of new homes around us. This stadium will cause a further deterioration on the journeys of Kidlington residents. It will increase journey times for those people using public transport as well as impacting on buses heading further afield such as Hospital bus, passengers heading north towards Bicester as well as Bicester itself.</p> <p>Further, any proposed closure of the main Oxford Road on match days sounds like a recipe for disaster. TVP will inevitably have to try to police this traffic/supporters to ensure both traffic and supporter safety are not compromised and I do not envy them this task!</p> <p>Visual Impact</p> <p>I have viewed the video presentation of the stadium within The Triangle and it is a huge structure. It's height will totally dominate the area in which it stands and will be completely out of character to its surroundings (which comprises of housing). Building such a large structure will change the ambiance of Kidlington as it will completely dominate the area.</p>

**Parking**

The majority of supporters will continue to travel by car and will use Kidlington streets as free parking. This action will impact mainly on the residents of Garden City and Gosford. Mention has been made with regard to Controlled Parking Permits to prevent this happening. However, these Permits will come at a cost to those affected residents and it is unfair that they must be out of pocket. Kidlington did not ask for this stadium and it is shameful that we are being asked to pay so that our streets are not used for football fans.

In conclusion, I understand that OUFC must vacate their current stadium through no fault of their own but feel that they have not considered other sites more suitable for their needs than at the edge of the VILLAGE of Kidlington.

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**Attachments**