

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

As a Kidlington resident, close to the Triangle site, I am hugely in favour of the proposed new Oxford United stadium.

The club needs to build a new home to continue to contribute to the Oxfordshire community and the Triangle site is ideal for the following reasons:

- 1. Transport**
With Oxford Parkway rail station across the road and major bus routes passing by (the majority of which stop at Oxford Parkway), the site is ideal to deliver an increase in public transport usage, which is both financially beneficial and a positive sustainability approach in less cars being used.
Buses offer straightforward access via the city centre, and other direct routes from the surrounding area such as Bicester, Banbury & Woodstock.
Additionally, the train also offers ease of access to the city centre (in 7 minutes), direct access to London, and easily accessible trains to the north via Bicester/Banbury.
If people did still choose to drive, the Water Eaton Park & Ride provides ample parking.
- 2. Kidlington**
Kidlington has changed significantly in the 19 years I have lived here and suffers from a major lack of facilities.
Any development undertaken is done so privately to provide additional accommodation and the local sports clubs struggle to raise money, develop facilities and better engage the local community.
Bringing a professional football club to the locality will support development in the use of their facilities, increased support and higher participation levels, while also bringing economic benefits via increased football and awareness of local businesses, particularly in the hospitality sector.
I understand OUFC have also committed to support local sports clubs with the improvement and upkeep of their playing surfaces.
- 3. Youth**
There is very, very little for young people to do in the Kidlington area and this is borne out in increasing anti-social behaviour.
Additional facilities and jobs provided by a new stadium would help with this issue.
- 4. The Future**
Given the CDC plan to significantly develop the area, in terms of housing, additional facilities are essential for a growing population and a new OUFC stadium can bring an improved profile & perception of the area, as well as allowing for events to take place that wouldn't do otherwise.

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