

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

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**Comments**

I object to this planning application.

Given that OUFC could stay at the Kassam Stadium there is no necessity for constructing this stadium.

Traffic congestion, Air quality and Highway safety  
I am also particularly concerned about the traffic congestion the proposed development would cause in a very busy network of roads. Based on the available information a significant majority of fans would use cars to travel to matches. This would lead to dangerous levels of congestion on the roads to Kidlington and Oxford, the A4165 and A4260, and also on the already over-burdened A40 and A34. It is also likely that all the surrounding minor roads will have significantly increased levels of traffic which will impact pollution levels and the safety of all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

The congestion would be made worse by the suggested road closures to enable the fans to enter the site safely.

Parking  
Visitors to Kidlington and Oxford are encouraged to use the Park & Ride. This proposal would mean that the Park & Ride at Oxford Parkway was unavailable to visitors on match days. On match days at the Kassam stadium the surrounding streets up to Cowley are lined with fans cars. There is no reason to think that travel to this stadium will be any different, which means Kidlington and north Oxford will also be affected.

Green Belt and Nature conservation  
There are no good reasons for constructing the stadium on a Green Belt site as it does not meet the very special circumstances required to permit such developments.

We should be conserving our green spaces not destroying them especially when they have, as this site does, significant populations of animals and invertebrates in a bio-diverse habitat. A large number of trees will be felled, according to the application, but the remaining patch of woodland will also suffer inevitable degradation as it will be a meeting point for thousands of fans.

Sustainable development  
The construction and use of the stadium breaches all the sustainability goals set out in the application. Building a vast concrete structure on a Green Belt site is not sustainable development.

I urge you to reject this application.

**Received Date**

**Attachments**