

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

1. The new stadium would enable development for housing at the current Kassam Stadium site, which would be well placed, geographically, to meet Oxford's needs for more housing in that part of the City. I find it hard to imagine that the site proposed for the new stadium would be approved for housing, and it is not nearly as well situated, given that it is surrounded by major roads, and smaller.
2. The new stadium would be within walking distance of Oxford Parkway, and would thus have a much lower need for parking than the current stadium. That parking, near the Kassam, could also be freed up for appropriately designed and scaled development. It would be great progress for a significantly higher proportion of match spectators to arrive at Oxford United matches by public transport.
3. Given that Parkway station and the proposed stadium are to the south of Kidlington, and that the bulk of spectators might be expected also to come from south of the Stadium, from the City of Oxford and its environs, the impact on Kidlington should be minimised. Match Days for the First Team (for which the attendance numbers are significant) account for only about 25-30 days per year, i.e. less than 10% of the year.
4. The proposals would allow for improvements to be made to the Gosford area, in terms of recreational facilities and open space, to the benefit of Kidlington residents, for much more than 10% of the year.

I very much hope that Cherwell District Council will be able to approve the application at its forthcoming meeting, later this month.

Received Date

Attachments