

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

**Type of Comment**

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**Comments**

My main objections are the ones already raised by the Summertown & St Margaret's Neighbourhood Forum, the Friends of Stratfield Brake, and others:

[1] Loss of green space and biodiversity. This site will be the last remaining area of green space between the Oxford City boundary and Kidlington due to the extensive housing developments planned from Cutteslowe to Water Eaton, including the site of the golf course. This whole area is within the Oxford green belt and loss of this site will effectively join Kidlington to Oxford.

The site itself has considerable biodiversity as demonstrated by the ecology study undertaken by FoSB <https://www.friendsofstratfieldbrake.org/2024/03/23/biodiversity-reports/>. There is simply no realistic means of preserving this ecology at this location should the stadium be built.

[2] traffic: match day traffic, and traffic related to other major events to be held at the stadium will significantly impact the Summertown neighbourhood, where I live. Claims that the majority of fans will arrive by public transport are baseless and cannot be enforced. Not only is there likely to be significant traffic flow through our neighbourhood, there will also be flows along the A34 and A40, both of which are already challenged by congestion, and likely back congestion into the Summertown area. It is also possible that residential areas north of Summertown will be used by cars seeking parking [as is the case surrounding the current site in Blackbird Leys].

The proposals to close the major roads bordering the site and including access to Parkway Station are currently subject to refusal by the County Highways, and the proposal to build a bridge between the site and the station remains uncertain. The available traffic calculation model has been demonstrated as flawed and has been rejected, and there is currently no revised model or further data available. Until this information is publicly available the application should not be considered, and the closing date should be deferred pending further traffic information.

As a cyclist, I find the level of traffic already existing in the area not only inconvenient but also dangerous.

I strongly oppose the building of this stadium on these grounds.

**Received Date**

**Attachments**