

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

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**Comments**

I consider that the proposal lacks the necessary 'very special circumstances' to justify building on the Green Belt. The site earmarked for the stadium currently supports a variety of wildlife, and disrupting these habitats would further endanger these species.

Preserving nature for future generations should take precedence over its destruction. Moreover, these area should also be preserved for the residents to enjoy the green space.

Traffic congestion is already a significant issue in Kidlington, especially during rush hours. Commuting through to Oxford, which is already often congested, currently takes over an hour. I am deeply concerned about the impact of a stadium on my daily commute to work.

The planned stadium would exacerbate the current traffic situation, especially with the closure of Banbury Road on match days. This would render the village almost impassable due to increased congestion from both match attendees and diverted traffic. Introducing more bus stops on Banbury Road would only compound the problem by impeding traffic flow.

The rise in queuing traffic will not only contribute to higher emissions but also deteriorate the air quality in our community. The proposed 106 parking spaces at the site would likely result in overflow parking within the village itself. Although the applicant suggests using public transport to reach the stadium, the reality is that many will choose to drive due to convenience over public transport, which would require substantial upgrades to be a viable option. The anticipated increase in traffic could lead to more people leaving their cars in residential areas.

I am also very concern about potential antisocial behaviour, similar to incidents near Cowley and Oxford Station, situations that I personally witnessed working nearby the station. Such behaviour could negatively impact the quality of life in Kidlington.

In summary, the adverse effects of the stadium on the local community appear to outweigh any potential benefits significantly.

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**Attachments**