Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	24/00539/F
Location	Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington
Proposal	Erection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities and uses including for conferences, exhibitions, education, and other events, club shop, public restaurant, bar, health and wellbeing facility/clinic, and gym (Use Class E/Sui Generis), hotel (Use Class C1), external concourse/fan-zone, car and cycle parking, access and highway works, utilities, public realm, landscaping and all associated and ancillary works and structures
Case Officer	Laura Bell
Organisation Name	
Address	
Type of Comment	Objection
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I wish to object to the Oxford United Football Club stadium planning application on a few points: It hasn't been demonstrated that there are 'very special circumstances' that would justify the stadium being built on green belt. There are already lots of neighbouring developments going to happen in the area and the stadium would massively reduce the green belt even further. The question of travelling to and from the stadium on match days is a fundamental part of the whole proposal as it will affect local residents very negatively. Traffic congestions are already a daily occurrence, if the roads get closed on match days leaving and entering the village will be impossible. The roads were never designed to serve large events like a large football match, and will end up in traffic chaos. If the club will use the facilities outside match days, then the usual traffic congestions that we see every day, plus the traffic to and from the event, will be unbearable, not forgetting about all the new homes coming to the area shortly as that will increase the current traffic too. This increased traffic and pollution will be detrimental. Residents won't be able to leave their homes by car on match and other event days. It should be considered how this affects the life of local people, not the need of a sports club.
	The car park on the site and nearby car park facilities won't accommodate the need of the fans that will arrive by car, resulting in neighbouring residential areas being impacted by fans wanting to park on the streets. It is an unrealistically optimistic view that supporters will travel by bus and trains, considering the inconvenience and the cost of train tickets compare to travelling by car. But even if football supporters were willing to travel by train, Chiltern Railways won't have the capacity to the predicted 5000 fans per hour as their capacity would be 1100 people per hour. The football club would need to fund the increased train capacity and the modifications that would need to be made to Oxford Parkway station. I doubt that it is financially feasible given the already huge cost of the stadium built. The increased traffic, the events, and the large number of sports fans in the village will result in air, sound, and light pollution. Such a big building project, and the events afterwards, will have a huge impact on the nearby wildlife. We should preserve the natural environment for future generations, not destroy it. Allowing this plan to go ahead will negatively affect the environment, wildlife, traffic, and the local residents' life. I really hope that this plan will not be allowed to go ahead.
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