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

Type

Comments

Support

neighbour

I strongly support the proposed new stadium. I think it will greatly improve Oxford's attractiveness to visitors having a state of the art green stadium with strong public transport links. It's unarquable that the stadium will create business opportunities for the Kidlington community with a large number of visitors coming - staying, eating and drinking - on a weekly basis. This compares to the current stadium location which is poorly supported by public transport and does not encourage visitors to linger in the area.

Having a strong football team is good for a locality I would argue - a club doing well means happy and motivated people in the area. I would argue the future of the football club hinges on this development and without the new stadium the club is far less likely to enjoy success in the short-medium term. The more successful the club and the more appealing the ambiance around the club - swanky stadium etc - the more likely children are to want to support it and the more likely they are to drag their parents into Oxford/Kidlington for the day every other Saturday to go to the game.

Being left leaning and very environmentally conscious I would not support a development I didn't think was green and had tangible long-lasting benefits for the people of Kidlington and the Oxfordshire community more widely.

I strongly hope this planning application goes through and we will have a strong and united football club in England's first all-electric stadium within a few years. I worry for the togetherness and cohesiveness of the town if this isn't possible.

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