## 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** 

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**Comments** 

Support

neighbour

The stadium if built will be the most sustainable in the country, being powered solely by electricity, the majority of which will be generated from its solar panels, and offsetting power consumption used for evening games.

Being located a stones throw from a mainline rail station, on two bus routes, and on a cycle highway, it will be the most accessible stadium via public transport in the country. No longer will supporters be required to drive to games, meaning fewer cars on the roads on match days, improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions. Away fans will be able to travel to the stadium by the Chiltern mainline, the new east west rail line, and by a quick change at Oxford station from other routes.

It has been designed with excellent access and visitor experience being the core drivers. It will be the most accessible stadium for disabled supporter in the EFL, and will feature comfortable and welcoming concourses and a fan zone plaza at the northern end of the site. On top of this, there will be an on-site gym, and health centre for community use, improving facilities for local people.

Our current landlord Firoz Kassam has refused to extend our current lease at the Kassam Stadium, this expires in 2026, after which we will be homeless without a new ground to play in.

This football club means so much to the people of Oxfordshire and beyond. Should we be refused planning, the very existence of the club will be put into jeopardy, due to having no long term home.

I hope that planning committee does the right thing and approves this planning application without delay.

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**Attachments**