

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

I live in close proximity to the proposed site. My road does not have any parking restrictions or parking scheme. In addition, it is very narrow and does not allow a car passing a parked car with ease. I fear that on matchdays, everywhere will be full of cars abandoned whilst drivers watch the match. Not only will we have difficulties taking the car out, but more importantly, emergency services vehicles which are generally larger will not be able to come in. The same applies to the farmer nearby who uses the road regularly with his tractor - he will not be able to pass. Setting up a CPZ won't help as issuing a parking ticket won't help the ambulance trying to pass a parked car.

The application intends for fans to use the park&ride. This is not a big car park and also has to serve local residents wanting to use the bus to travel into Oxford. This bus is becoming even more vital now that new traffic restrictions are put into place for central Oxford. Where is everyone meant to park? Oxford based club supporters will not use the train. Bus connections aren't brilliant, so many will use the car.

Noise levels are likely to be considerable, since the prevailing wind comes from the west. This will affect most of Gosford and Water Eaton, but most affected will be residents of the new development East of the Bicester Road. OUFC have not demonstrated how they will counter the noise and make Saturdays peaceful for local residents.

With the new development East of Bicester Road, Kidlington is already loosing a big part of its green area. I can see foxes, deer and muntjacs strolling and resting in the pasture there. Birds of various descriptions roost in the trees. On a summer night, bats can be seen. With the land soon lost to 400 new houses, the woodland of the Triangle will become a last refuge for all these animals. Taking it away for a stadium will deprive them of their habitat. The planned "green area" in the southern part of the Triangle won't provide this. No animal will feel at ease with 10 000s of fans descending upon them every weekend, plus sports clubs and businesses using the site during the week. More likely, the area will be used for littering and for relieving calls of nature when toilet queues are too long.

And lastly, I am concerned about surface flooding. As a local resident, I know only too well how often the fields around here flood. This is due to poor drainage characteristics of the soil. Building over the Triangle will make the issue even more acute as it takes away the capacity of the woodland to soak up good amounts water. Where will the water go? On Frieze Way and Banbury Road in the first instance, and the adjacent new housing development next. This has not been sufficiently considered. Is Oxford United happy to pay for pumping water out of ground floor flats? Frieze Way is already flooded in one lane close to the entrance to Stratfield Brake sports ground every time it rains heavily. It may well become impassable if the runoff from the Triangle directs itself this way, too. What mitigation is planned for this?

Received Date

Attachments