

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

While in principle I could support this kind of project as development of the area is inevitable the plans and supposed reasons for this particular development are deeply flawed, vague (I suspect on purpose) and do nothing to provide for the locals they intend to dump this new mass of people on.

The stadium at the south end of Oxford has been perfectly fine for them for years and yet now all of a sudden they "need" this new stadium on a whole new site. The current site has more than enough space and could easily be redeveloped to accommodate their needs with new facilities and made more accessible with bus routes or other public transport options but rather than take on this challenge and help develop the south of Oxford they have instead decided that they must have a new stadium at the opposite end of the city (and not even within the city bounds at that).

Presumably (as it is not stated anywhere I can find) the current site will either be abandoned or turned into more housing so not only do they loose the facilities down there but now we end up with a second massive slab of concrete in what was previously a green area.

That being said I can see some benefits to a facility of this nature but their plans for additional facilities are so vague and generic I suspect they have no intention of honouring them at all. The previous site not only had the stadium but also a nearby cinema, bowling ally along with other facilities for those of us who do not like football or are not fans (those who have to live with the stadium rather than just turn up, have a drunken bash and go home again). If these kind of facilities were being offered to us then I could see the benefits as we do not currently have those up here but they are not. Instead we have a generic bar/restaurant that from my experience of other stadiums will either be for the wealthy or be closed 90% of the time, a Gym that will be stupidly expensive and only suitable for classes rather than general use and a shop full of fan specific items.

These provide no benefit to locals and are purely designed to make the stadium look like they care when it is clear they do not. As these do not come close to countering the downsides of this proposal I feel I have no choice but to object in full until a more serious plan to benefit the local residents are proposed.

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Attachments