

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

**Type of Comment**

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**Comments**

I would like to object to this on the basis of the traffic problems this development will cause, particularly but not limited to match days when the closure of local roads or sections of road, will make essential journeys unbearable for residents in the area. Congestion is already a problem and local populations are set to increase significantly with the building of thousands of new homes. Taken together with development in the North Oxford area, the construction traffic and the general increase in numbers of vehicles on the roads over the next few years is alarming. Minor improvements to the local road network are insufficient to address the issue and the stadium development would contribute very significantly to the problem. Closure of the Oxford Road on match days is a totally unacceptable solution for Kidlington. The scale of this development is wholly unsuitable for the proposed location.

I am also concerned about the loss of the green belt gap between Oxford and Kidlington. Kidlington has and values its own identity, residents do not want continuous development between Kidlington and Oxford. The environmental impact has not been fully elucidated or understood and the loss of biodiversity is of great concern.

Parking would also be an issue with a development of this scale in the Kidlington area. Whilst public transport targets are laudable and may improve over time, the reality is that this is by no means guaranteed and will not be the case in the short to medium term. What measures would be taken to ensure that parking does not spill into local streets or overwhelm the town?

More detail is also required in terms of the frequency of matches and other large scale events. The impact on local residents and businesses would be enormous, so we need to understand how often such events will take place and how they would be scheduled to mitigate traffic congestion.

Benefits to residents must also be made clearer. What form would these take, what would be available free of charge and what would be chargeable? When, for how long and for which people would such benefits be in place?

**Received Date**

**Attachments**