

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

OUFC (and by association some comments from the councils involved) suggest that the current lease with Kassam cannot be extended. Based on responses from the owner of Kassam this is incorrect and therefore we are being misled.

Developers and the local councils have made plenty of assurances but all at the cost to local residents and existing overstretched utilities.

The space of land at the Triangle does not appear big enough for the proposed stadium and associated buildings. If it went ahead, it will be a limited improvement on The Kassam but with even greater impact on local access, travel, congestion, pollution, ecology and drainage.

Despite the assurances or contradictory statements by OUFC and the councils that travel, congestion and pollution effect will be minimised, expecting to use Oxford Parkway as an overflow is not a solution but another problem in the making. The station is not designed for such capacity, nor is the road to the Triangle, nor is the safety of pedestrians crossing over the A34. Additional pedestrian crossing will just cause more congestion and pollution. Car parking provision is totally inadequate.

OUFC and the council may expect or dream that most fans will come on foot, bike or public transport, but they don't currently so why will they to the Triangle? La la land like Oxford North plans that everyone cycles there. Not based on reality.

Green or eco aspirations are also just that - aspirations that inevitably will be found to be too expensive and not followed through as cost will be the driver, not eco credentials.

Why is it on ever shrinking green belt? Does the application really comply with the laws that define when you can develop green belt land? I think not.

Overall it seems like a rushed plan in the wrong place for the wrong reasons that could be better located and planned for long term benefit. And I am an OUFC supporter.

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