

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

**Type of Comment**

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**Comments**

1: The traffic disruption will have large detrimental impact for local residents, I have two days off per week and these days would coincide with the match days at the stadium. with the roads closures suggested and the suggested diversionary routes this would cause local residents not to be able to travel or be stuck in major traffic jams for long periods of the day. If there is a minor road closure or any type of incident on the roads within kidlington or the surrounding roads we all know that this causes massive traffic issues, the diversionary routes would also be bringing larger volumes of traffic towards the kidlington roundabout with obviously less routes from it due to the road closures, it is not just the case of traffic being able to leave kidlington. Kidlington is a major route for many not just to the village but also to the A34, Witney, Woodstock, Yarton, Banbury and many other areas. The roads within kidlington would also be used for parking causing more disruption to the lives of residents, providing parking and it being used are two very different things, having seen the surrounding area at the kassam on match days i am sure that this will be the case also in kidlington.

2: With many houses being planned to be built around kidlington we are losing more and more of our green spaces, the triangle is green belt and should be protected as such, the triangle is used by the wildlife of the area some of which are protected, building on the space will destroy the biodiverse wildlife habitat which currently exists. The stadium development does not qualify as an exceptional circumstance in order to build on the green belt.

3: The development includes a hotel, Hotels are already available for use very close to Kidlington, with the Premier inn at the airport, Holiday inn and Travel lodge available at pear tree services. also slightly further out is the premier inn (currently for sale i believe as not being used enough) at Botley and Easy hotel in Summertown. None of which are at full capacity, therefore why would we need another hotel. This also has a negative impact on local guest houses and smaller independent hotels or even those trying to gain income through their own properties through services such as Airbnb.

4: The inclusion of a Gym will also impact on local businesses already in the local area, with many providing gym facilities or exercise classes or both. This also includes the leisure centre in kidlington. Not to mention the many surrounding facilities.

5: The actual building of the stadium will damage the environment, with the amount of concrete and resources required to actually build the fabric of the building. Just the raw materials in there creation will have a very large environmental impact.

6: The Kassam site is still a viable site, there is the ability to continue to use the site and the owners have already stated this, why would you develop another site which brings such a massive impact to the environment and local community when the existing site can be