Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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Location

Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington

Proposal

Erection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities and uses including for conferences, exhibitions, education, and other events, club shop, public restaurant, bar, health and wellbeing facility/clinic, and gym (Use Class E/Sui Generis), hotel (Use Class C1), external concourse/fan-zone, car and cycle parking, access and highway works, utilities, public realm, landscaping and all associated and ancillary works and structures

Case Officer

Laura Bell

Organisation

Name

Address

Type of Comment

Type

Comments

Support

neighbour

I am writing to support Oxford United's application to construct a new stadium at The Triangle. As a supporter of the club for over 40 years, and a season-ticket holder for most of that time, I have seen many ups and downs at OUFC, and many periods of extreme financial instability, in large part associated with difficulties associated with the club's stadium, that have threatened the livelihoods of those who work for the club or whose incomes depend on business dependent on home games, as well as threatening a source of joy and community togetherness for thousands of fans across Oxfordshire and beyond. Of course, there will be concerns about the new development, just as there were in Headington back in the 80s and before, and in Blackbird Leys in the 90s when the Kassam Stadium was proposed, and I dare say there will be some inconvenience to some local residents for a few hours on alternate Saturdays for part of the year. But the benefits that the new stadium will bring, in terms of employment opportunities, non-football-related facilities that the development will provide, and especially the financial security that it will bring to the football club, must surely not be overshadowed by a very vocal group of local critics. In my opinion, the Green Belt argument is being used as a fig leaf to cover a more "NIMBY" anti-football argument; the environmental value of the site as it is at present is minimal, and I believe that the mitigation activities that the club has planned will more than offset any loss from development of the site.

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