Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number | 24/00539/F

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

Objection

neighbour

I object to the proposed application on the fundamental grounds that it involves a Green Belt site, which has the stated purpose of maintaining a green barrier between Kidlington and Oxford. Building a football stadium and associated developments removes the current function of this much needed green space between the two areas. Beyond this, the application does not consider the realities of such a development in this location. To include two coach parking spaces and a total of 178 car parking spaces for a football stadium with a capacity of 16,000 will lead to an enormous impact on the roads surrounding Kidlington and the local residents. Although there are bus and rail links to the proposed development, it is highly unlikely that these alternative methods will be used by almost all wishing to travel to the stadium. Although there is the nearby Oxford Parkway park and ride facility, even this only has 430 spaces and is designed primarily to relieve traffic in Oxford. The proposed development will have a significant knock-on effect here with a busier park and ride side, reducing the number of parking spaces available for its current purposes of reducing car journeys into Oxford and providing parking space for those undertaking rail journeys.

While the impact will be most noticeable when events are held in the stadium, it should also be noted that there are more rooms in the proposed hotel (180) than proposed total car parking spaces (178), of which 78 are disability spaces. This will surely lead, not only to an increase in traffic on already busy roads, but also to parking in residential areas of Kidlington, increasing danger to pedestrians.

Were this development built as planned it is clear that it will have a very significant negative impact on the surrounding area, not only in the loss of a prized area of Green Belt, but also through a significant negative impact on local residents, particularly by adding a very large number of extra journeys to an already strained local transport infrastructure.

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