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

Objection

neighbour

Firstly, this is green belt land that provides a natural gap between Oxford and Kidlington and should not be built on. That should be the end of the argument.

On top of this, the wildlife and trees on the site will be impacted negatively, plus the the removal of a sink whole would lead to greater risk of flooding of the roads and streets nearby.

Traffic is already bad in the area, with various housing/building projects going on. Further building would cause great inconvenience to those trying to get to work and schools. Suggestions that roads could be closed on match days are ludicrous.

Also, we are not just talking about matches. The idea of having hotel/conference facilities etc. means local people will be impacted on a daily basis, which is completely unsustainable and unacceptable. The lack of parking spaces - obvious because OUFC want to build on such a small (GREEN BELT) site - means that many will park on nearby roads, which would once again have a negative impact on local residents. Noise pollution and physical litter would increase dramatically too.

Whilst it is understood that football clubs have emotional impacts on the public, private individuals own the clubs and have created the current state of affairs. The public should not shoulder the risk or the damage of trying to get OUFC out of the situation they find themselves in. Indeed, I think they exaggerating the existential threat to their existence and have created a self-imposed deadline to leave their current ground. If there were to be allowed to build a new stadium, the exact same situation could happen again.

The risks are simply too great for the rest of us to share and, as I said at the beginning, this is GREEN BELT land, and should not have been offered to OUFC in the first place.

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