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	Support	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I currently live just over the Oxfordshire border in South Warwickshire having been born, schooled and now work in an OX postcode. My employer is based in Kidlington. I am a supporter of the football club for some 30 years and have seen the false dawns, poor decision making and green shoots of recovery during that time. This planning application though represents so much more than just a new home for the football club. It provides a national landmark for the local area and wider county. Aside from the short term generation of jobs, there is also the chance for meaningful legacy; the nature and scale of events that could be held at the stadium site greatly surpass what has been possible up until now in the County. It will also drive commerce into Kidlington and North Oxford and will enhance life rather than detract for the local residents, particularly those who will be seeking housing in the area in the coming years. For the football club itself it will provide not only a home of which to be proud and for which the supporter base can actually care for, but could provide the springboard for greater success; this has been demonstrated by 97% of new build stadiums in the last 10 years who have seen attendances rise and income generation increase providing a more competitive first team. In Oxford's case it is not just the men's first team who would benefit but the increasingly popular and successful women's teams of all ages too. The club officials have demonstrated a real desire to not simply build for builds sake, but to invest in the local area in a meaningful and sustainable way and are willing to go above 'the standard' in order to surpass expectations. Few planning applications can boast they are supported in this way and I think demonstrates that any concerns of local residents or communities can be overcome through collaborative working.	
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