

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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Proposal

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Comments

As a life long supporter of over 30 years, Oxford United Football Club has brought so much positivity and enrichment to me, my family and fellow supporters, time and time again. The impact isn't simply the 90 mins every fortnight, but the wider and deeper engagement, interest and joining of a community which is always ongoing, hopefully, with this development, in perpetuity.

The good that a thriving football club achieves must not be underestimated and the benefit of such a facility and what it will bring in terms of social interaction, wellness, economy, jobs, equality (note the Women's team are not currently allowed to play at the current stadium) and experiences, for the current and future generations, is impossible to really fully quantify - it's quite simply huge.

No doubt the development will provide for and meet the required conditions set upon it (biodiversity net gain etc.), and the design plans appear to be of a high quality as expected. The closure of roads for a short while to aid exiting of crowds is common place at other stadiums in the country and local residents are able to quickly manage this minor change.

Siting the stadium next to existing national and international public transport infrastructure is the only option for true sustainability therefore this location is 'the one'. I shall be attending games via train for the first time ever.

The stadium development will benefit the local community hugely and they are very fortunate that this opportunity has arisen - many of the beneficiaries will be too young to realise this at present (and too young to comment on the application), but this is a fantastic opportunity to enhance the lives of so many people, in the short, medium and long term.

Hopefully, at last, the City of Oxford and the County of Oxfordshire, can enjoy a world class sporting arena which is so much deserved.

And, we can be proud of such a facility serving the people of Oxfordshire and welcoming visitors from afar, for many, many years to come.

Therefore, I fully support this application and am incredibly excited to see that Oxford United Football Club will hopefully be able to continue moving forward into what could be such a wonderful new chapter.

Received Date

Attachments