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

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Comments

Support

neighbour

After 23 years at the Kasssam, the club need to find a home to secure their future long term existence. After detailed reviews, the proposed site is by far the most suitable (behind Stratfield Brake) with its connections to transport links.

It is important to note the ongoing existence of the club isn't just important for the 9,000 or fans who regularly attend matches. We have seen from the recent Wembley appearances in 2010/2016 & 2017 that we can get over 30,000 supporters with success. We also have; -numerous fans in 18-35 age group who play football on Saturday afternoons, - ageing fans or fans with certain disabilities who are unable to attend in person but are avid listeners to radio comms.

- fans who have work on Saturday afternoons (increasing due to the cost of living crisis). These people still count as supporters of Oxford Utd and see supporting the club as part of their lives. In addition, success on the pitch will increase this fan base significantly and capture younger fans rather than follow teams they never see live. Personally, attending matches with my teenage daughter gives us a common interest and precious time together.

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