

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

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**Comments**

Dear Cherwell,

my name is [REDACTED] and I am a life-long Oxford resident and Oxford United fan.

The football club, alongside places of worship and pubs, is one of the few places where Oxford residents of all socio-economic, gender and ethnic backgrounds regularly mix, in what is possibly one of the most elitist and class based cities in the world.

Oxford is fortunate that it currently has owners that want to save and develop the club and secure its future, after decades of having people in charge that just wanted to exploit the city and the club.

But I fear for the future of the club if the planning application doesn't go through, especially considering the lease at the Kassam is nearly up.

If Oxford United dies then it will be just the latest, and perhaps final, nail in the coffin of what was once a vibrant working class culture in the city when we still had industry and manufacturing.

I implore you to do all you can to see to it that the city gets its only professional sporting stadium and you ensure that the city has a place, where all its people can continue to meet, form bonds and friendship, and provide an escape to what can at times be a difficult life in an intolerably expensive city.

If we don't do this, then the politicians and councilors of Oxford will have sent the loudest message possible, that this city is for the rich alone, and the University is all that matters. And that would be a crying shame.

Yours [REDACTED]

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**Received Date**

**Attachments**