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

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I object to the proposed development on many points, but am in this objection highlighting serious and basic flaws in the stadium commissioned health impact report by Ekosgen. In general, this report brings together a mess of mismatched sources, which taken out of context, very little data is referenced, and that included is manipulated to support the healthwashing message of the development.

1.13, the WHO basic definition of health and well-being is quoted as the baseline for the assessment, wilfully ignoring the WHO championing of One Health and the environment, in that leaving natural systems and biodiversity intact is obviously better for all ecosystems' healthy and wellbeing.

3.1 physical activity

The suggestion that the facility will add benefits to health by facilitating access to open space and nature is seriously flawed. It is a matter of common sense that leaving natural spaces and biodiversity in situ are more beneficial than destroying them to create a car park and new build monstrosity in its place. This development is destroying open space, not enhancing it.

The active travel infrastructure of 150 cycle bays is woefully inadequate compared to the 300+ required, and the suggestion that this is encouraging active travel is wrong.

- 3.2 the suggestion of a "small" negative effect on healthy food provision through the stadium fast food outlets is flawed - baseline definition allowing a small label is not evidence or science based - in no world does stadium fast food only have a minor effect on health. Again common sense is absent.
- 3.3 air quality, we are told will not be affected? But cars are the main mode of transportation for the fans who will visit the stadium (elsewhere it is clear they are only populated by a tiny percentage of Kidlington locals), contradicting the rest of the many documents in this proposal. And again, evidence and common sense are missing.
- 3.5 transport and traffic shan't be affected evidence for this argument is not provided and is not data based, nor backed up with the other modelling studies (which are also largely of poor quality), that contradict what is in this report.
- 3.6 report assures readers that there will unlikely be any effects on crime or anti social behaviour. Not backed up by any evidence, simply stated that the authors are not concerned.
- 3.8 enhanced access to open and green spaces. This is laughable, given that the development is destroying open and green spaces. Once again I despair at the report's complete lack of common sense.

Altogether this is a piece of propaganda that is neither evidence nor data based, and it's indicative of the poor quality of subjective messaging that has been commissioned for this appalling and damaging project.

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