

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	<p>There are numerous reasons why I object to this planning permission. Firstly, the traffic congestion which would be brought about by the stadium being built. OUFC originally stated that they would build a bridge from Oxford Parkway to the stadium but there is no information on the planning application and instead they now intend on closing the Oxford Road before and after the matches. This will cause awful congestion as this is the main route into Oxford for anyone coming from the North. Journey times to travel South on match days will be increased by taking the 'diversion' and it will make the village practically inaccessible during match days. Why should our lives be impacted by the extra congestion. In addition to this the pollution from all the extra vehicles attending the matches, the increase in vehicle emissions and the negative impact on air quality. Research has shown that there is a link between air pollution and lung conditions such as asthma, building a stadium in a built-up area will only impact people's health.</p> <p>OUFC have stated that they want 90% of fans to travel by sustainable transport yet there has not been any explanation as to how they are going to achieve this. Currently 83% of fans travel to matches by car. The general cost of public transport will deter people and therefore with there being only 184 parking spaces available I fear that living close to the proposed site our street will be used for those attending to drive and park. Whilst penalties might be introduced, these are likely still to be cheaper than public transport for cars with multiple passengers. Any parking restrictions will also have a negative impact to the residents who live close to the site; how are restrictions going to be implemented for just when matches are taking place? They aren't, and we are going to be permanently disadvantaged. Our area has a lot of visits from carers who need to attend to the elderly and such access and parking restrictions will impact them. Fans using the park and ride sites will have an impact on those who wish to use the park and ride sites to go into Oxford, which in turn will have an impact on the economy of the city centre.</p> <p>The triangle site is currently Green Belt and separates Oxford from the village of Kidlington, there is such a vast amount of nature and biodiversity on this site that to destroy it for a stadium does not seem logical. Several studies have been conducted which highlight the abundance of biodiversity which exists, having a small, segregated area on the site will not be sufficient to enable the wildlife which currently exists to thrive. With 16,000 fans on match days any wildlife will have a zero chance of thriving.</p> <p>Not only is the proposed stadium standing at 25m tall going to dominate the landscape, but there will also be the noise and light pollution that will be caused. The noise pollution from the fans and the potential for an increase in anti-social behaviour, large crowds attract criminal behaviour, and this will make Kidlington an undesirable place to be, let alone live. The light pollution both from the stadium and Frieze Way which is currently unlit, will impact the wildlife at Stratfield Brake, especially the bats. Trees in the vicinity which have Tree Protection Orders (TPO) are planned for removal, this should not be allowed.</p> <p>OUFC have stated that they don't have a home from 2026 yet there is no evidence that they can not remain where they are; has this statement been challenged? According to the National Planning Policy Framework inappropriate development on Green Belt is not allowed</p>

however this is exactly what this application is, so it should not be granted. There will be more detrimental impacts to the community than benefits and this is why I object to the planning permission.

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