

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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Proposal

Case Officer

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Comments
Oxford United currently have a functional and adequate stadium, which was purpose-built for their use, in Littlemore, Oxford. It is nothing short of climate vandalism to literally throw away all the tons of concrete used to build the Kassam stadium and just pour hundreds more tons somewhere else. At 20 years old this stadium is well within its working life.

It has been claimed that Oxford United cannot remain at the Kassam. However, this is untrue and has been contradicted by the owner of the stadium who says he is happy for the club to renew their lease. The club have never explained why they say they can't do this. They simply want a shiny new stadium. Source:
<https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/24056192.oxford-united-stadium-owner-open-club-staying-kassam/>

Cherwell DC might be distracted by the fact that the old stadium in Littlemore is outside their jurisdiction, but imagine if the club were playing at a different site in Kidlington already. Would the council really approve building a whole new stadium on a green belt site when the old site could be improved as necessary?

Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council are taking steps to reopen the Cowley rail branch line, creating a station in Littlemore, which will improve transport and access at the current stadium. There is no need to move the whole stadium to get the benefit of being near a train station.

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