

10. Cited wider benefits for the community do not stand up to scrutiny. Supposed employment opportunities need to be offset by jobs lost at the Kassam. Most jobs would be minimum wage and/or casual hours around match days. Kidlington already has ample employment opportunities, with many unfilled vacant positions in hospitality such as pubs and restaurants.

11. The impact on the adjacent Stratfield Brake nature reserve will be severe. In Covid lockdown this space was a huge asset for local residents. The casual use of it by fans after matches for a few drinks will create litter. The light pollution from the ground on winter evenings will be detrimental to wildlife.

In summary there is a lack of support for this development which will have a significant negative impact on the day to day lives of local residents. This is a commercial development for hotels and conference facilities on the edge of Oxford, with the football stadium a necessary addition to secure Planning.

The case for needing to move has been mis-represented. If OUFC do wish to move, a transparent masterplanning exercise should be undertaken to identify the best location.

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Attachments