

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

**Type of Comment**

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**Comments**

1. waste of public money; Kassam Stadium remains available, popular and easily accessible to everyone, not least to those living in the thickly populated South Oxford area. Money allocated to Kidlington, for new stadium, new hotel, new access roads, destruction of popular local rural outlet, etc etc, wd be more use being spent on an attractive upgrade around Kassam stadium, with coach parking and/or buses directly to the railway station.
2. Kidlington Airport due for expansion within few years - hotels maybe more use up the road there than destroying the one remaining natural area to be left between Kidlington and Oxford.
3. Kidlington is not large but has real community character as the 'biggest village in England' , not posh but proud, with its own small shops, a Saturday market, good schools, surrounding natural areas, all of which the Council will distort with disproportionate introduction of a vast stadium, big hotel, costly and complicated roadworks, police presence and in-coming fans with little interest in the place itself.
4. The OU fanbase has raised significant support for the new stadium from overseas football supporters, many of whom realistically are hardly aware of Kidlington and the importance to the locals of the threatened wildlife area and increasing ribbon development from Oxford itself.
5. Kidlington is a place for the Council proudly to support as it is rather than to damage a much valued 'green lung' between rapidly creeping development from Summertown and Oxford. True football supporters want only to watch football and are not interested in green lungs, wildlife corridors, peaceful walking routes, green gyms and similar such ways of maintaining good mental health; it is for the Council to guard those things above almost all.

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**Attachments**