

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number

Location

Proposal

Case Officer

Organisation Name

Address

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Comments

I strongly object to this application predominantly on ecological grounds - there is already a perfectly adequate stadium for OUFC at the Kassam and there is no good reason for demolishing this and rebuilding on another site. Rebuilding at Kidlington will cause massive disruption with air and noise pollution and a vast amount of CO2 emission from the building site and associated concrete use. The lack of sustainability in demolishing and rebuilding a huge stadium is in direct contravention of Oxfordshire Councils Climate Crisis promises. The climate crisis should be the major consideration in planning applications - we cannot go on as we are at present.

OUFC need to renegotiate with the owners of Kassam to stay on at their current facilities (recycle and reuse).

Presence of a stadium in Kidlington will exacerbate traffic jams with road closures causing gridlock producing yet more pollution and CO2 emission. It is naive in the extreme to believe that the majority of fans will arrive by public transport given the dire public transport infrastructure and the cost of rail tickets and the fact that currently 80% of fans arrive by private transport. Even the traffic generated by coaches and special bus services would be a major factor in causing on local roads. Parking is likely to be a real issue with local areas flooded with cars on match days, as the plans do not include adequate car and coach parking.

There will be destruction of the significant wildlife habitat at Stratfield Brake and loss of biodiversity and undoubtedly a large litter problem after matches. There will also be drainage and flood risks - currently this area soaks up a lot of rainwater and mitigates the drainage - once it is concreted over the water will have to go somewhere else and may cause further flooding - there is already a flooding problem on the Oxford road when there is heavy rainfall.

For Kidlington residents there will be noise pollution and difficulty in parking and loss of amenity access to the area.

The Council needs to take a strong line on this application and avoid pressure from the developers who no doubt will be pushing for this as they stand to make many millions of pounds of profit from any development.

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Attachments