Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Objection

Organisation

Name

Address

Type of Comment

neighbour

Comments

Type

I object to the proposal for the stadium to be built on the triangle for the following reasons:

- I do not agree that there are 'very special circumstances' for building on the green belt land. OUFC say that no other site is available, however, Kassam stated publicly that the current site is available for lease to OUFC. OUFC appear therefore to have lied about their situation to pressure people to accept that the triangle is the only option for them otherwise there will be no stadium. I believe the alternative sites report was also prepared after the lease has been agreed by the council cabinet and therefore I do not believe there has been a correct procedure to come to the conclusion that the triangle is the only appropriate site.
- As this does not appear to be a special circumstance, there is no justification for the loss of biodiversity that there currently is on the land.
- I'm concerned that there could be flood risk should this natural soak away be lost. Has this been properly assessed?
- I am very concerned about the impact on traffic congestion and parking in and around Kidlington, although I can't comment on the traffic modelling as the data isn't available yet. I will comment further when it is available. Traffic congestion will be even worse when events are on at Blenheim palace.
- Diversions for road closures will mean additional mileage for road users with increased emissions, congestion. delays getting to/from Oxford Parkway train station and the park and ride there and also to Oxford city centre. Will buses be diverted?
- Match day controlled parking zones will impact on local residents and any visitors being able to park outside their homes. I'm concerned that CPZs will not stop fans parking and congesting Kidlington roads.
- There is inadequate onsite parking. Fans will take up many spaces at the park and ride and train station. There is little evidence to support that fans will be deterred from using these car parks. The park and rides are to encourage people to use the bus to go into the city centre, however, people will not use those facilities if they are being filled with fans.
- There will be 1000s of fans crossing the roads. Who will be policing this and ensuring that fans remain on the paths and cross safely?! A footbridge to more safely manage fans go to and from the stadium should be part of this proposal NOT a separate planning application that might not materialise!
- I am not happy with the increased noise pollution that the football will bring to Kidlington.

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