

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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Comments

I fully support Oxford United's application for the stadium at "The Triangle". The club is part of the county's lifeblood and has been for over a century - for its existence to be threatened is unthinkable, and would be devastating for Oxfordshire, especially with the club being the figurehead of the county's sport.

I have a background in climate change policy, and so I have been keenly following the plans for the development of the stadium. It is vital that the stadium contribute as much as possible towards Oxfordshire's pathway to Net Zero, and I am pleased to see from the plans that this objective is shared by the club and the stadium developers. Oxford United - and indeed, Cherwell District Council - have a huge opportunity to set a standard by supporting what is designed to be the greenest stadium in the country, and if this is the case, it can catalyse emissions reductions in sport nationwide, which is something we should all be supporting.

Naturally, I am also inherently apprehensive about any kind of construction on green belt land, but I have been reassured - indeed, impressed - by the club's plans to boost local biodiversity and to protect and enhance green space in the vicinity of the proposed stadium. The stadium's development is a chance to revitalise an area currently functioning essentially as scrubland, and by dedicating green spaces as per the planned development, such open green spaces can be provided for many people to enjoy, and can inspire efforts elsewhere to enhance the natural environment.

I would urge Cherwell District Council to approve the club's proposed stadium development for all of the reasons above, of course with the expectation of guarantees that the club sticks to its green plans and pledges, something of which I am in no doubt.

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Attachments