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Comments

Oxford United Football Club is first and foremost a community asset. It is more than just a professional sports team and to many people, myself included, it brings intangible benefits in terms of mental well-being and enjoyment. This club has given me a group of friends who I know I can call on and would offer support without a moments hesitation should I need it.

The future of the club should not be played with. The situation at the current ground, means the club is unable to survive and so a new stadium is required.

I believe this potential new stadium ticks so many boxes that the current ground just cannot do. It will make using public transport so much easier for people to get to and from. The Kassam is currently one of the furthest grounds from the nearest train station. This would make it one of the closest. It would also have good links to nearby park and ride schemes.

The design is modern and ambitiously the club are aiming for it to be completely carbon neutral. This is something that could never be achieved at the current location. Ultimately this will mean the club working with the environment and not against it.

The club already does tremendous work in the community and this development will lead to local grassroots sports receiving a huge boost in terms of the facilities available to them.

The club will be able to make better use of the facilities, allowing its women's team to play at the stadium (something they are currently unable to do due to restrictions imposed by the landlord of the current ground) and thus help to promote the increasingly popular women's game around not just the city but the county as well.

This has the potential to be a landmark facility in not just the county, but the entire country.

Finally, the stadium will create new job opportunities for the local population - not just those directly associated with running a football stadium, but in hospitality, retail and will provide local suppliers with potential new sources of revenue.

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