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I OBJECT this project and have the following concerns as a local resident. I don't want to present as a NIMBY but I do think there are other better options for the club.

Location

I feel the site is too small for such a venture. Originally the plan was for hotels and a sports centre to accompany the stadium. Now it feels like the idea has been downgraded, to shoehorn it into the next available area, close to the train station. There is no real run off for fans to disperse to, without swamping the local roads while leaving the stadium. Where will they all be prior to kick off? I personally don't feel the site is large enough.

Access

The idea of the site is mostly built around the idea that it has good access by a number of roads and the local new train station. Yes, there are a number of roads accessing the area, but these can feel clogged at peak hours let alone with traveling people to the area for a football match i.e. 16,000 all in one go. I do feel the majority of people will travel by car and there is not sufficient parking within the P&R or the site to accommodate this. This will affect residents of North Oxford and Kidlington. Many of the fans will not travel by train and will be searching for easy car parking close by.

Noise & ASB

This is a concern. Kidlington is mainly a quiet place and does not have any large industry or factories nearby. It likes to think its a village, but this can't be the case if it has a stadium. I'm worried about ASB around the area and how local police will tackle this around match build up time. Who is paying for the additional police requirements? How will fans be divided before and after?

Biodiversity/ Environment

The current site acts as a nice natural barrier from noise and I've read is a very biodiverse site. The trees there help with local flood issues, and I feel that the removal of this triangle will place further strain on the area which does have a problem with flooding and nowhere for it to run to. The site is very close the local canal and woodland trust area next to Stratfield brake. This area is welcome escape and is a real gem for residents. Surely such a large complex and the people visiting will affect this. I've very sad to hear that some protected Oak trees are listed to be removed for the project also. I feel that the green belt is in for another drumming here. There is already large site developments around North Oxford and Kidlington. Yes, we need local housing etc and another supermarket would be beneficial, but a large stadium is another thing altogether and its environmental impact is massive.

Local people

Is this really going to benefit the residents? I'm not convinced of this unless they are fans and enjoy the fact they can walk there.

