# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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| **Application Number** | 24/00539/F |
| **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 |
| **Organisation Name** | [redacted] |
| **Address** | |
| **Type of Comment** | Support |
| **Type** | neighbour |
| **Comments** | This is a once in a generation opportunity to build a sports facility that can support OUFC, wider Oxfordshire Sports Clubs and the local community.<br>The stability for OUFC is much needed in times when football clubs have been struggling. The club are an important part of the community, providing professional sport, support for local charities and initiatives, as well as being focal point for so many fans and their families who follow their progress.<br>The fact that local youth teams and aspiring players will benefit from this new facility is also a real plus point.<br>The plans of the club to involve local groups and support them is also great; and that's before we even consider the stadium facilities, hotel and conference centre that will bring people to the area, boost local business and add to the community.<br>With the other development in North Oxford, the much improved transport links and the commitment by fans to use public and sustainable transport to visit the ground is an example of a really forward facing club.<br>I would urge that there are bridges or underpasses for pedestrians and cyclists to allow safe passage over each of the nearby roads, back to transport hubs.<br>A professional sports team established in a city isn't something that can be manufactured at short notice very easily. To have one is a real asset to the whole county. It shouldn't be taken for granted; the sense of well being and togetherness that it brings to so many people is something that can't be given a monetary value. The current owners are helping the club to grow and improve in line with modern values. Investing in the club now will ensure future generations will have even more opportunities to find enjoyment and togetherness from a wonderful community club.<br>I urge those who consider this planning application to allow it to pass. |
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| **Attachments** | |