

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation Name**

**Address**

**Type of Comment**

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**Comments**

I would like to express my support for the stadium application because I believe that the advantages of the project far outweigh the disadvantages for the people of Kidlington, Oxfordshire and beyond.

I currently drive around 50 miles to the Kassam Stadium when I attend matches. There are no viable public transport options from my home which is south of Birmingham. The location of the Triangle will allow me to reduce my car usage by over 80 miles per game by utilising Evesham or Warwick Parkway stations which will provide easy access to the new ground and will reduce the impact of parking my car in Oxfordshire.

More important to my own situation I believe that this stadium represents the only viable future for Oxford Football Club. The current owners are extremely committed to Oxford United as evidenced by the significant investment they have made in improving the squad, improving community facilities and training ground. When they purchased the club they were left with a licence agreement that severely restricts the ability of Oxfordshire's only professional sports club to flourish. This agreement was set up by Firoz Kassam/Firoka and previous owners with little regard for the club's situation. I understand that this will not be renewed at the end of the current term and this I'll have a severe impact on the club and may even cause it to go out of existence.

Oxford United Football club is extremely important to the people of Oxfordshire and beyond. It is very common for both myself, my wife, my elderly parents, my brother, nephew, niece and several cousins to attend games. My family all live within Oxfordshire and should the club no longer exist then part of the identity of the community of the county will be lost and there is a significant risk of this happening.

Whilst I appreciate the concerns of the local residents I believe that most of these can be overcome with sufficient planning by all stakeholders including the club, the local councils, the fans, transport authorities and the local people.

I implore you to agree this application which will provide many community facilities, a viable home to Oxford United, a beating heart to the community of Oxfordshire and those that have links from elsewhere.

**Received Date**

**Attachments**