

Comment for planning application 23/02276/SCOP

Application Number	23/02276/SCOP
Location	Stratfield Brake Motorcycle Track Oxford Road Kidlington
Proposal	Scoping opinion - new stadium development
Case Officer	Laura Bell
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Address	72 Kestrel Way,Bicester,OX26 6XZ
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>The green space at the point of the triangle will result in a net gain of publicly accessible green space in Kidlington and together with Stratfield Brake now safe from development will retain the green gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- There are traffic lights at the entrance and exit of Oxford Parkway which can be used in active traffic management on matchdays. OCC data shows there are approx 2000 spaces available at Oxford Parkway on a typical Saturday afternoon currently. Shuttle buses could bus fans from all park and rides around Oxford including the new one proposed at Eynsham. Many streets around North Oxford already have permit parking schemes in place. <p>It's commonplace for schools and other community groups near stadiums to open their carparks and fields for parking and charge a small amount which is a useful source of income for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The proximity of Oxford Parkway station will help a huge percentage of fans travel to games by train. East West Rail will make it nationally accessible by 2026. The presence of Bicester Village on the Chiltern Line means maintenance isn't carried out at weekends as weekends are prime shopping days. Oxford Parkway is operated by Chiltern Railways who manage Wembley Stadium Station so they are experts at getting crowds through stations and onto trains.- Modern architectural techniques make it entirely possible to keep noise and light overspill within the stadium bowl.- The proposed new footbridges and crossings will enhance infrastructure in the area and will assist in the prompt entrance and exit of fans on the matchdays which are only every other week or so during the football season.- The public purse will benefit significantly more from the stadium than it does currently as the fencing company only pay 500 per year. This is an 100million foreign investment into Oxfordshire and the UK and is one of the biggest non-university investments into Oxfordshire for years which is badly needed at this time.- A recent assessment of Brighton and Hove Albion FC's economic contribution revealed they have contributed 595 million to their local economy since they moved to their new stadium in 2011 and there are no good reasons why the same can't happen here. There are many comparisons between OUFC and BHAFc, for example, in the 2010/11 season prior to moving to The Amex, Brighton were in League One as OUFC are now. Their average attendance that season was 7351, OUFC'S last season was 8393. The population of East Sussex is 558k and the population of Oxfordshire is 687k so one could argue there is a greater potential here. Like The Triangle, The Amex is next door to a train station. A club and county council delegation have visited Brighton in order to replicate their success here. <p>A new stadium can galvanise success on the pitch, stimulate investment into the local area, boost house prices and increase the public purse significantly as well as producing increased levels of civic identity and local pride. A compelling argument in favour of OUFC's proposals and a chance for the Council to leave a lasting legacy which CDC should take immediately.</p>
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