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23/02276/SCOP – Stratfield Brake Motorcycle Track, Kidlington

Yarnton Parish Council objects to the proposed OUFC stadium on the triangle site to the south of Kidlington village.

Nomenclature

We would like know why the site has been titled the 'Stratfield Brake Motorcycle Track' as it hasn't been a sports facility for over 22 years. It has been a willow plantation site for the last 19 years.

Traffic

Yarnton Parish Council believes that the new stadium alongside all the other developments in the area will detrimentally affect traffic in Yarnton as well as closer to the stadium site. Events (football and other) at the stadium will adversely affect traffic, especially if these events coincide with Blenheim Palace events. We will suffer more days of heavy traffic, and if events at the stadium and Blenheim coincide then we will essentially be at a standstill. We are concerned about the increased volume of traffic on the already busy A34, close by the A40 and A44 routes with the subsequent knock on effects on Cassington Road, Rutten Lane, and other connecting routes. **Yarnton Parish Council feels it would be irresponsible to omit a full and comprehensive traffic assessment of all roads within a 5 to 10 mile radius of the stadium site and not just a focus on the road network immediately adjacent to the stadium. This report MUST include ALL ongoing PR developments in the area, along with the ongoing expansion of Langford Lane Technology Park, the Campsfield site development, the new airport buildings development and also Oxford North at Peartree.**

YPC is concerned that there is no overall oversight of the scheduling of large events in and around the local area. **What mechanisms will OCC and CDC put in place to manage all events in the locality (Stadium, Blenheim and others) to ensure that local residents do not become trapped in their own homes and local businesses unable to function.**

Parking

Once PR8 is completed there will be new pathways and cycleways providing new shortcuts that will mean Yarnton will become a tempting parking location for stadium

users. ***What measures will be put in place to ensure that Yarnton does not become a convenient and free parking area for stadium users?***

Natural environment

We are rather concerned by the submitted reports from BBOWT and FoSB regarding the ecology of the Triangle. The BBOWT report shows ecological studies have been somewhat patchy over the years whilst the recent FoSB report is concentrating on the entomology, ornithology and chiropterology of the site. ***YPC feel a full, properly independent EIA of the site is needed to clarify the actual state of the site and how this will affect the protected Ancient Woodland nearby. This should be done by a recognised body such as BBOWT.***

Noise and light pollution

Noise and light pollution are other factors that should be considered. Football and other events will bring unwanted noise and light pollution. Yarnton for example frequently experiences light pollution from events at Blenheim. ***What measures will be put in place to reduce noise and light pollution?***

***Lynne Whitley
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