Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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

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Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I would like to place on record my full and strong support for this application on the following grounds.

Oxford United is over 130 years old and is hugely important to thousands of local people. In order to protect that history, it is important to have a financial viable and sustainable future which can only be achieved by building its own stadium. The creation of this station will greatly benefit the local economy by creating hundreds of jobs and millions of pounds in annual revenue.

Transport to the existing stadium is awful and on match days, it is not uncommon to be stuck in the car park for hours with engines running on idle creating unnecessary pollution. Due to the new stadiums immediate access to Oxford Parkway, traveling home and away fans can travel by train very easily from not just from Oxford but also directly from London, Haddenham, Banbury and Bicester all of which contain large numbers of traveling fans. Train serves can also run directly from London Marylebone making or much easier for traveling fans to attend games without using the car.

Having been constructed quite some time ago, Oxford United's stadium does not fulfill modern sustainability criteria. Using new materials and construction techniques, the new stadium will enable the club to reduce its carbon footprint and operate in a more sustainable manner.

Ultimately, the stadium will result in a more sustainable, more easily accessible and less polluting offering than the Kassam and will provide the tens of thousands of Oxford United fans with an asset that can support the clubs growth and security.

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