

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	Laura Bell
Organisation Name	David Terry
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Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am writing in support of the plans and have summarised my reasons below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The new stadium is essential to secure the future of a football club. The current site is NOT sustainable for several well documented reasons including costs, non compliant and unreasonable landlord, inability for the club to generate revenue from the stadium, limited access, inability to operate as 'one-club' (eg. access for the Women's and junior teams to the facility), and accessibility. The lease ends in 2026 with no realistic and workable solution.- The new site is in a brilliant location right next to Oxford Parkway station. I support OUFC and live in North Abingdon. I currently drive to matches. The new site allows me, as well as friends and family, to travel together via Radley Station. This is in walking distance. It will also encourage the use of the local pub in Radley, allows for a stop in Oxford cc, and delivers us right outside of the stadium. I know of several people who will be able to achieve a similar journey from Culham and Appleton stations (that currently drive) as well. Great news for accessibility and the environment. Furthermore, the site is close enough to Oxford that it remain compliant with EFL rules, is in a central and accessible Oxfordshire location reflecting the county wide support for the club, and on a site that will not negatively impact the local community due to the access to the train station and bus links (planned from strategic locations).- The club is central to the Oxfordshire community and does some superb work with all kinds of groups (women, children, people with disabilities). This is hamstrung by the current stadium. The new facility will provide excellent facilities will open up new opportunities to bring all of those activities together in one inclusive space.- The club has not been in control of its own financial destiny for a long time. The new facility will enable to club to drive new revenues and own its own destiny- New jobs, opportunities, local facilities, and a brilliant new destination for the whole of Oxfordshire. I have seen first hand what a similar new ground has done for Brentford, and know that the club has used this as one of its benchmarks. <p>This is an essential project for the local community, and for the future security of the football club. It opens up new opportunities for all kinds of groups of people across Oxfordshire and beyond that don't currently exist. It brings new jobs, huge economic benefits and is in a brilliant location that will utilise exiting transport facilities.</p>
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