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

Hi,

I would like to give my support to the proposed new Oxford United stadium development next to the Oxford Parkway station. The development is critical in preserving the future of this Oxfordshire institution which has been in existence for over 100 years. The club plays a big role in Oxfordshire and is loved by tens of thousands of Oxfordshire residents. This chance to secure its future must not be missed.

The location of the proposal is as close to perfect as you will find in the county. Situated right next to a train station which by 2026 will be connected easily to stations all over the country, the location of the proposal is ideal for moving the required numbers of people into, and out of, the area. Combined with the park and rides across the city there is a real chance to change behaviors and move a lot of car usage off of the roads and bring the positive benefits this will result in for the environment.

The development itself has been designed with sustainability in mind, and will be one of the greenest stadiums in the country. This is in stark contrast to the current ground which is barely fit for purpose. As Oxfordshire moves towards a greener future, projects like this should be held up as examples of what can be done to the rest of the country.

Economically, there will be a big boost to the local community. Hundreds of new jobs will be created thanks to the provision of leisure and health facilities. The Oxfordshire community will be strengthened with the provision of updated sporting facilities, not only in The Triangle but also with Oxford United proving to be a true friend to Stratfield Brake with much-needed investment to the crumbling facilities there, taking the burden away from local tax payers. Inclusivity will be championed, the club being able to have the Ladies Team play at the stadium increasing their exposure, and support for various age and disability teams being secured for the future.

I cannot see there being a better location anywhere in the county than The Triangle, the transport links are ideal, the location from the city making it ideal for fans to enjoy the sights of Oxford or the shopping of Bicester before a short train ride to the match. Then afterwards staying to enjoy the hospitality areas around the stadium before heading away on green public transport. This really is a 'once in a lifetime' chance to build something really special for people all over the county to enjoy for years to come.

Let's get this built.

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