

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="N Smee"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="2 Romans Yard,Fields Road,Chedworth,GL544NY"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>These are my reasons for supporting the proposed stadium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Oxfordshire lacks any infrastructure that compares to the proposed stadium and all its ancillary facilities. The county needs ambitious and forward thinking initiatives such as this to provide a growing population with things to do. The current stadium offers very little and so much more is possible with a facility such as the one proposed.- The football club is an important part of the county. It is a community club that needs a stable home from which to continue to grow its reach, not only to those that count themselves as supporters but to those who can benefit from its community outreach.- The economic benefits to the local community is very significant. Such a large investment in the area is a rare opportunity and one that should be embraced. Those whom doubt the worth should work with the club to ensure that the best outcome is achieved for as many people as possible.- The stadium can bring greater equality to a diverse group of potential users. The women's team will get to play its games at the stadium. The design will make it the most accessible stadium in the UK for those who have special needs.- The design is sympathetic and is clearly not an identi-kit solution done on the cheap. Reading the documents that support the application, it is clear to the fair-minded that this is an ambitious proposal to deliver an accessible, environmentally-conscious and impressive facility.- Whilst the site is small, its location next to Oxford Parkway is hugely beneficial. I hope to be back living in the area by the end of this year, and will be able to use a bus from Eynsham P&R to the stadium or take the S2 bus into Oxford and then use a train to OP. Compare that to my near total use of a car to make the journey to the Kassam. This will be replicated by thousands of others.- I am in full support of the community benefitting from Section 106 funding and trust that CDC will insist on robust terms to ensure that the applicant meets the needs of the local community.- Whilst the site is on Green Belt, it is a useless piece of scrubland. Not only can it be transformed into a useful facility for many people, but it can bring a secure future for an institution that is important to many. The club cannot stay at the current site, which is clearly not fit for purpose and not available to be purchased. There is no other choice and I believe the application meets the exceptional circumstances bar. <p>Please do not pass up this wonderful opportunity to deliver something that can bring impressive and much needed facilities and ambition to Oxfordshire.</p>

Thank you.

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Attachments