## 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	Ashley Wilde
Address	2 Hermitage Cottages,Eastfield Lane,Goring Heath ,Oxfordshire,RG8 7SU
Type of Comment	
	Support
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I am supportive of OUFC's stadium application for the following reasons:
	<ul> <li>I think it is imperative to safeguard the future of the county's only professional sports club, not just because I attend matches at the weekend, but also because of the work in the community the club throughout the year. Although I am now 30, I still remember the fun I had attending the club's half-term soccer courses when I was a child whilst my parent's were at work. It would be unbelievably sad for Oxfordshire to lose such a beloved institution that brings so much to the Oxfordshire community, particularly working class residents, simply because it was not allowed to establish a home</li> <li>The proposed location of the stadium and it's proximity to Oxford Parkway train station will enable me to travel to matches by train rather than drive as I do currently. It seems to me that, from a public transport perspective, the proposed site is the optimum location for a stadium in the county</li> <li>I believe Oxfordshire needs a first class facility such as the one which OUFC have proposed to build. It will serve as a source of pride for the people of Oxfordshire and the Cherwell District. Oxfordshire should be at the forefront of innovation and setting the tone for the rest of the country on matters such as the environment and accessibility, and the proposed stadium construction represents this</li> <li>The proposed site of the stadium is, as described by a number of residents of Kidlington and the surrounding villages, a 'contaminated wasteland'. I feel strongly about utilising such</li> </ul>
	sites for the benefit of both people and wildlife. By building the proposed eco-friendly stadium on the site, OUFC will create a hub for local people to meet, work and socialise as well as establish green areas which will form a habitat for a more varied range of wildlife than the current usage of the site allows. This stadium is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the people of Oxfordshire.
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