

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	
Name	Raymond Morris
Address	44 Wise Avenue, Kidlington, OX5 2AU
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I understand that a planning proposal has been submitted without any regard for Oxfordshire County Council's strong opinion, when selling the lease, that road closures should be avoided, if the proposed football stadium is erected. At present I understand that planning permission for a footbridge will not be sought until later in the process. I would urge that planning permission for the stadium is contingent upon such measures being approved as an acceptable manner of entry and exit to the stadium by large numbers of people, prior to permission being granted.</p> <p>Presently the A4144 is subject to severe congestion at peak hours, Adding to this congestion will, in any case, add considerably to the journey time to and from Oxford, but without an adequate means of access to the stadium, will become impossible.</p> <p>The applicants have maintained that public transport and blue light vehicles will be exempt from the road closure notice, but this is simply not practical with large numbers of pedestrians trying to cross a major road. This, basically, cuts Kidlington residents off from Oxford, and much more seriously, will impede getting assistance to residents in emergency situations. With large numbers of elderly residents, and an ambulance depot affected, this is not a situation which should be tolerated. The risk of such a situation resulting in serious impairment or death, will rest solely with the District Council, if adequate safeguards are not in place before the opening of the stadium, and I therefore strongly recommend that planning permission is withheld until such time as safe means of access are approved, and that these are made a mandatory part of any such planning permission.</p> <p>I therefore request that approval of this planning application be rejected until adequate plans are in place, and an undertaking that such building work will be completed prior to any access to large numbers of people being allowed to the stadium.</p>
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