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

Peter Harris

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I fully support the plans to build an eco-friendly stadium on the land known as the Triangle. As a keen environmentalist this will give me as an Oxford United supporter the opportunity to leave my car at home and travel by rail to matches as I live close to Haddenham & Thame Parkway. I believe that the club have done everything possible to make this a clean green building which will bring prosperity for the whole of the county in its construction and enhanced facilities on offer for local sports clubs who are currently using Stratfield Brake. I understand that a few locals are concerned about the impact of large crowds coming to the area but the times this will happen are relatively few (5-6 hours for no more than 30 days of the year) and whilst not in Kidlington itself I am sure that this will bring opportunities for local businesses in the area. For many years in the mid-late 20th century the football club operated with similar crowds in the middle of a residential area. Post and pre match people would spill out onto the main London Road with nothing more than a policeman to help them over the road. At no time do I recall this being the cause of massive traffic jams which makes me believe that the transport problems being discussed are greatly overexaggerated. The local businesses also welcomed the additional revenues. I believe that this is a wonderful opportunity which will bring long lasting benefits to the whole of North Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas. The development of a major sporting arena in Oxfordshire built with private investment is a chance not to be missed and provides something that the county is sadly lacking.

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