Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

I have lived in the OX5 1 + 2 area for the past 29 years. Throughout my childhood, I attended the majority of the sports clubs in the area (eq: Kidlington FC and Kidlington CC). The facilities at both of these venues were superb back in the day and were some of the best in the county.

I look at Kidlington at the minute and I worry the current facilities at sporting clubs (other than Kidlington & Gosford Leisure Centre - which I must say you have done an excellent job with) are fit for purpose and encourage the younger generation to get involved in sporting activities. Other than inadequate sporting facilities, the general feedback from the community is there is very little for teenagers to participate in at the moment.

My opinion is this stadium is a real chance for Kidlington to be put on the map and provide the local community with facilities that will be the envy of the rest of the county/country.

Kidlington is the area of Oxfordshire that is connected by the most frequent public transport as you know, which means the stadium is easily accessible by all, and the stadium will be a massive success if attendees are encouraged to not travel by car. (ie: free bus/train travel in Oxfordshire provided a match day/event ticket is provided). I know this works extremely well in other countries and is yet to be really tested in the UK.

This really is an opportunity of a lifetime for Cherwell Council to prove to the rest of the county/country they support the future and development of sport in Oxfordshire.

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