

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="Richard Prangle"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="38 Centre Street, Banbury, OX16 3LQ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>As a lifelong Oxford United supporter and resident of Cherwell District I write in support of the proposed new stadium. As the only professional sports team in Oxfordshire it is vital OUFC has a stable and permanent home as close as possible to the city and after years of searching, the triangle represents the only viable option open to the club. They have outlined numerous reasons why staying at the Kassam stadium is impossible beyond 2026. The thought of losing our club, or having to ground-share with a team outside of the county on a long term basis, is unthinkable.</p> <p>The proposals also offer so much more than just a sporting venue. The stadium would act as a hub for the community both local and beyond, promoting inclusivity with services related to health and wellbeing and the development of new green public spaces. Retail, business and tourism opportunities will also bring huge benefits to the area including employment. The building of the stadium will also be of significant local benefit in terms of employment and involvement of local businesses.</p> <p>The location of the stadium is key in regards to access to public transport, given its proximity to Oxford Parkway railway station. This means the majority of supporters can access the stadium via public transport, currently impossible at the Kassam. This will inevitably bring environmental benefits to the area as a whole. The stadium has also been designed with sustainability as a paramount consideration.</p> <p>Ultimately, thousands of people within Cherwell District, Oxford, Oxfordshire, the UK and beyond have an unbreakable affinity with and unwavering passion for Oxford United. We need a stable, permanent stadium to call home and planning approval is the next step on our journey to achieving this.</p>
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