

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	David Thornton
Address	Stonesfield, Oxfordshire.
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As a 60 year plus, life long resident of Oxfordshire I would like to express my support for the new Oxford United proposed development at the area known as the triangle next to the Oxford Parkway railway station.</p> <p>We are at a critical moment in the 130 year history of an Oxfordshire institution. The lease at the current Kassam Stadium runs out in 2026, just 2 years time. The club needs to find a new home in Oxford or close by. Time is quickly running out. The very survival of the club is at stake.</p> <p>This incredibly impressive development is the only serious option available to the club to allow it to survive and prosper. A once in lifetime opportunity for Kidlington, the City of Oxford and the whole of the county as a whole.</p> <p>I have closely studied the plans and proposals and they are indeed hugely impressive, the attention detail is beyond anything I have seen before when it comes to a planning proposal in Oxfordshire. All to be built by private investment with no burden on the tax payer. What a wonderful opportunity for the whole of Oxfordshire.</p> <p>The location from a transport perspective is ideal, a more perfect fit in the area in and around the city would be impossible to find. Adjacent to the Oxford Parkway with railway links for travelling supporters from all over the country. Water Eaton and Pear Tree Park and Ride facilities very close by. New bus lanes from Yarnton to the underused Frieze way, plus another from Witney to Wolvercote roundabout to help and encourage supporters out of cars and onto public transport.</p> <p>It's a wonderful opportunity to change the way supporters travel to and from matches. I myself, instead of currently making a 40 mile round trip by private car to the poorly served Kassam stadium will be able to travel to the new stadium by public transport. I am just one, this will be also apply to thousands of other supporters who will change to a much greener, cleaner way of getting to and from matches. That can only be a good thing.</p> <p>Clearly a lot of thought has gone into the design of the stadium. From an aesthetic point of view I believe it will add great contemporary value to not only Kidlington but the wonderful buildings we already have in Oxford.</p> <p>It will be one of the greenest stadiums in the country with sustainability at its core. A great advertisement for Oxfordshire, something we as residents can all be proud of.</p> <p>The economic benefits from the stadium cannot be underestimated. Not just in the construction, but hundreds of jobs created afterwards as well as new businesses will be attracted to the area once the stadium is built. Shops, pubs, restaurants in Kidlington itself will all receive much needed benefit too from increased footfall and business.</p> <p>Hundreds of new homes are already planned for the local area, all these new residents young and old will need and deserve excellent recreational, leisure and hospitality facilities, the new stadium will greatly help provide that, it will become a natural hub for local residents, a place to meet, socialise and engage in the community.</p> <p>Stratfield Brake is in desperate need of a true friend, and it will find one in Oxford United, as the club has agreed to help with funding the ongoing much needed maintenance of Stratfield Brake. A welcome saving to the local taxpayer and local council.</p> <p>Oxford United Women will be able play their matches at the new stadium, currently they are prohibited from playing at the Kassam Stadium.</p> <p>Last but by no means least, by building a new stadium not only can our great historic club</p>

survive and prosper, but the wonderful charity Oxford United in the Community can also continue to survive and maintain its wonderful work which benefits so many people young and old in the local community.
No more delays, let's get it built!

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