## 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

Mr Greg David

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

**Comments** 

My wife and I are both retired and live in Oxfordshire. We are OUFC season ticket holders. The prospect of a new, state of the art, comfortable and accessible stadium is not only exciting but reassuring of a future for both OUFC and sport in general. The design promises an eco friendly venue. The facilities mean that Kidlington and the County of Oxfordshire will have a beacon of excellence for all to use. The local community sports clubs will enjoy both financial and logistic support. The availability of public transport means the eco friendliness of the stadium will extend to travelling to and from the site itself with rail connections to the rest of the country a few minutes walk away. The many Park & Ride locations will mean that hardly anyone will need to drive to Kidlington with shuttle services planned to link to Water Eaton & Oxford Parkway. With a green space and new cycle routes coupled with pedestrian access to Oxford Parkway rail station, the attraction for local residents to leave cars at home and use public transport even when not attending the stadium will be enhanced. We live in Stanford in the Vale but already know Kidlington very well. Our dentist is in Kidlington and I attended Gosford Hill School when my family lived in Woodstock. The promise of employment and income to Kidlington and the wider County will be welcome

to everyone including, the local Parish Councils whose financial outlay for the sports facilities at Stratfield Brake, will be covered by OUFC with all of their expertise in managing already on display at their training facilities in Horspath.

With planned housing in the immediate vicinity and the ever rising need for leisure facilities, coupled with the already stated objectives of Cherwell District, the stadium fulfils many needs at no expense to the community. Indeed, with the commercial income from the venue, there will be a positive effect for the community taxation.

We both would like to encourage wholeheartedly this application and sincerely wish that it is seen fit to progress.

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**Attachments**