

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
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Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I grew up in Oxford, and from the age of about 12 or 13 started to going to Oxford United's home games. I lived west of the station, and it took a couple of buses (or a bus and a walk) to get there. They were accessible, in other words. These games, whatever the result, were the highlight of my week. I would be saddened immeasurably if Oxfordshire youngsters were denied the possibility of watching Oxford United in a stadium that the entire county would be proud of. And a stadium to which they could easily get by public transport.</p> <p>I've not lived in the UK since 1981, but whenever I get back to England during the season, I get to see one or more games. I came for 10 days this past autumn, and managed to see three games, two at home and one away (at Wigan). For the latter I was able to use public transport, plus a fairly lengthy walk from the Wigan station. But going to the Kassam stadium is difficult by public transport, and each time I end up going by car.</p> <p>The new stadium, planned for the Triangle, will be one of the best in the country for ease of public transport. And it will be, without doubt, the BEST in the country from an ecological point of view. It will turn what is essentially a piece of wasteland to which no one currently has access into something that everyone (OK, almost everyone) will be proud of.</p> <p>I know that there are some voices that are loudly saying that the stadium will be a disaster for Kidlington, but these people are not in any way "friends" of Stratfield Brake or Kidlington. They have done nothing to improve the sporting facilities that are currently in place there, and ignore the fact that Oxford United has agreed to improve and sustain those facilities, not to mention provide a world-class venue that people in Kidlington (and the rest of the county) will be able to enjoy even if they have no particular liking for football.</p>
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