## 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

Joseph Church

**Address** 

70 Morton Avenue, Kidlington, OX5 1BX

Type of Comment

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

I do not wish to have a football stadium in Kidlington for many reasons. The first if these is that this is an Oxford united stadium, not a Kidlington United stadium. Kidlington is not just a subsection of Oxford, and therefore should not be treated as such. There is plenty of space in Oxford for the city council to build a stadium in. The second reason is that Oxford united were never told to leave the Kassam stadium, they chose to leave. The owner said that he had no other plans for the land when the club chose to move. There was never any reason for the club to leave the Kassam stadium. The third reason that I do not wish to have the stadium in Kidlington for is parking. Although Oxford United claim that nobody will drive to their games, most of the fans will inevitably be clogging up the roads around the village due to the lack of proposed parking in the stadium grounds. This will make the village a no go area on match days. Another concern is that the club have said that they plan to close the mai road to Oxford on match days. This would mean that the only viable route in and out of Oxford would be inaccessible to all. The final issue which I have with the stadium is the ever present issue of football hooliganism. Although people claim that it no longer happens, I personally have seen multiple counts of fans urinating in people's gardens and wandering drunkenly up by the current stadium in the last month. I do not want his to move to Kidlington. I hope that you will take my objections seriously and not allow Oxford United to build an un economically friendly stadium in an important patch of green belt. This is one of the last green patches between Kidlington and Oxford, and any further shortening of the gap will eventually lead to Oxford swallowing Kidlington and making it another subsection.

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