Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

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Organisation

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Type of Comment

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neighbour

Comments

I am fully supportive of the new stadium proposal for Oxford United. The key factor for me is the location, with the ease of access to Oxford Parkway station and easy bus connections into Oxford and the surrounding areas. I have always thought the current location for the stadium, with no easy transport options, is ridiculous in an age where we are trying to get people out of the cars and using public transport or (much more healthy!) cycling/walking. The aim of moving from 90% car use at the current stadium to just 10-15% at the Triangle should have a real impact on the traffic and congestion that, as we know, is already a big problem in the city.

I also feel that the proposed design offers an opportunity for Oxford to be seen as a world leader in sustainable stadium design and transport planning, exactly as a city of Oxford's stature should be. I'm sure the stadium will also bring tangible benefits to the local residents in terms of being a new community hub and green space to share and enjoy as well as bringing financial opportunities for local businesses, and not just on matchdays. In addition, the proposed improvements to the sport facilities at Stratfield Brake are much needed. Having watched my children play sports there (and across Oxfordshire), it's incredible how generally poor the sports facilities in the county are. If we are seriously promoting the health agenda for future generations in this country then we absolutely need modern facilities to back this up!

Overall this project seems to be a huge opportunity for the city and local residents to create a community facility for current and future generations to enjoy that we can be incredibly proud of. And all privately funded. Surely we can't miss such an open goal?

Many thanks,

Matt

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