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

I would like to show my support for this planning application. Oxford united need a new stadium, so they can progress further in the English Football league (EFL) this in turn will support the women's, down's syndrome, walking and youth teams. The people of Kidlington and surrounding areas will benefit from jobs and an accessible social hub. I have lived in Kidlington for nearly 50 years. Kidlington is always at the bottom of the pile when it comes to funding from Cherwell district council. Kidlington parish council are not interested in helping people. Especially the vulnerable and needy using the larder at Exeter Hall. There isn't much in Kidlington for young people to do {unless they want to hang out in the new vape shop, or get their hair cut in one of the 8 barbers} when I was growing up here, we had the forum youth club, then up to a few years back the early intervention hub. These were the places to hang out and not be on the streets causing trouble, these have gone now, there is nothing here. Flats are being built everywhere, sold as an easy commute to London. Kidlington as a community is slowly dying because of this. Having the new stadium will give a sense of community and something for the people of Kidlington to be proud of. Building the stadium on the triangle is the best location because of the transport links. There are people spreading "mistruths" and "what abouts" when it comes to the parking issues. There might be a few issues on the first couple of events. But it will run smoothly and people won't even realise a game is on most of the time. I've been to Wembley Stadium numerous times to see football and live music. Each time I've been, I've gone by train as it goes straight to the stadium. This will be the same for people travelling to the triangle. I just wish people would see the bigger picture sometimes, certain campaigners against this proposal also didn't want a beach volley ball court built near them. I wonder how that has impacted their lives since its been there. I own property in Kidlington and am less bothered about the impact of the stadium on my house price than I am on future proofing the community for our youth. Incidentally my children are now adult so this will be too late to improve outcomes for them, they have both already studied in different cities. I do however have 3 nephews and a niece nearby that are all under the age of 10 and would benefit from the facilities and the upkeep of the surrounding grounds at Stratfield Break by OUFC " A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit "

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