

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	B Honcoop
Address	40 Wear Road, Bicester, OX26 2FF
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to say that I am not an Oxford United fan, although my partner regularly attends matches. I have no other connection to the club, but as a healthcare professional, I understand the importance of progress and development in various aspects of society. The proposal for a new stadium for Oxford United presents a unique opportunity to not only enhance the sporting experience for fans but also contribute positively to the community and environment.</p> <p>The incorporation of environmental sustainability measures in the construction of the new stadium as laid out in the planning application is crucial. By utilising eco-friendly materials, implementing energy-efficient systems, and promoting sustainable practices, the stadium can serve as a model for future developments locally and nationally. This commitment to sustainability aligns with the global efforts to combat climate change and reduce carbon footprint, as well as adhering to the County Councils sustainability plan.</p> <p>Moreover, the construction of a new stadium will lead to improved infrastructure in the area. Upgraded transportation links, the use of already present parking facilities, and accessibility features will not only benefit match-going fans but also enhance the overall connectivity of the community. This investment in infrastructure can have a ripple effect on the local economy by attracting more visitors, businesses, and opportunities for growth.</p> <p>Additionally, a new stadium for Oxford United can provide valuable opportunities for youth development. Through partnerships with local schools, sports clubs, and community organisations, the stadium can become a hub for youth engagement, training programs, and talent development. The club have already demonstrated their commitment to doing this through their linked charity Oxford United in the Community as well as their new partnership with Kidlington Youth FC; and their efforts to promote grassroots football amongst all ages, genders and abilities. This focus on nurturing young talent not only benefits the club but also contributes to the overall well-being and skill development of the youth in the region.</p> <p>In conclusion, the building of a new stadium for Oxford United is a multifaceted opportunity that goes beyond just sports. It symbolises progress, sustainability, community engagement, and economic growth. By supporting this initiative, we are not just investing in a stadium but in the future of Oxford and its residents</p>
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