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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

The primary reason Oxford United give for needing a new stadium is that their current lease is soon to run out with no offer or opportunity to renew it. The owner of the stadium has stated quite clearly in the Oxford Mail that this is not the case and giving the impression that he is agreeable to negotiating a new lease.

If a new lease were to be agreed O.U. could use less money to turn the existing stadium into a facility fit for purpose (build the missing stand etc.

Until I.U. prove positively that a new lease is impossible they have no reason to move. There is also the issue of pedestrian spectators crossing the Banbury Road. The council has made it a condition that the Banbury Road will not be closed before or after any match and that some sort of bridge built for the pedestrian access. It is essential that this condition is adhered to, because the traffic conditions at the roundabout, like anywhere proximate to Oxford, are extremely congested.

It has also been stated in the Oxford Mail that O.U. has very little money and that the one hundred and fifty million pounds has to be raised, the source and types of investors yet to be considered. This, to me seems guite unreliable.

In summary, my view is that the plans for the stadium and the considerable number of other buildings would create an intolerable disturbance to the local community when, for less expense they could redevelop the existing site.

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