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

Address

39 Leigham Vale

Kieran Tang MRTPI

Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I am writing in favour of this application. I am a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and advocate for the laudable aims of Oxford United Football Club and its agents in delivering a state of the art sports facility which aims to benefit Oxfordshire as a whole.

I have attached my postgraduate thesis to this comment, which is titled "PLANNING FOR SPORT: STADIA DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN

REGENERATION - CASE STUDIES OF ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUBS". Written in 2018/19, this thesis sets out that "sports and planning have become even closer as 'stadialed regeneration' is being used to reinvigorate towns and cities across the country" and this application is no different. My thesis highlights the difficulties and provide case study evidence of successful stadia-led regeneration, which Oxford United aims to do also.

I would implore you to consider page 41 of the Statement of Community Involvement. The 'Friends of Stratfield Brake' (FOSB) are a minority, yet vocal stakeholder opposed to this development. The SCI clearly outlines Oxford United's attempts to engage in a meaningful dialogue with the group, yet this has not yet been reciprocated. Whilst FOSB are vocal in other forums and avenues, they are unwilling to engage the club directly. Their motives behind the proposals are unclear, and their inconsistent approach to engaging with the proposal risks delaying this proposal's progress through the planning process, to the detriment of the club.

Thank you for considering this representation.

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