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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Organisation

Name

Stephen Bunce

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37 WIMBLESTRAW ROAD, BERINSFIELD

Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

The reasons this new stadium is needed have been stated over and again, without it the County's only professional sports team could close completely. When a new development aims to be the most eco-friendly stadium in the country, reducing the number of car journeys and encouraging the use of public transport it can only be a good thing. Going from being one of the furthest football clubs from a mainline rail station to being just across the road from Oxford Parkway has got to be huge for the environment. When you also consider the number of jobs that will be created and the financial benefits to the local economy, especially with the club contributing to the upkeep and improvement of the existing sports facilities at Stratfield Brake, the positives just keep piling up.

Oxford United as a club provide so much community support running football courses for boys and girls of all ages, and during the Covid lockdowns maintained contact with older members of the community to help reduce feelings of isolation. Without the club so much of this work could fall by the wayside.

This is a chance for Oxford, Kidlington, Cherwell Valley and the County to show the world how a stadium can be developed in a manner that is beneficial to the environment and the community.

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