

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/00539/F
<b>Location</b>	Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington
<b>Proposal</b>	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
<b>Case Officer</b>	Laura Bell
<b>Organisation</b>	
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am very much in favour of the plans for a new world class sustainable stadium for Oxford United. As a Father of 3 young kids, 2 that now have started coming regularly with me to games this season (season tickets) having a stadium that is a destination to go to will only enhance the Matchday experience.</p> <p>At present we have to travel by car and park generally in overflow at back of ozone complex - arriving around an hour before kick off to secure reasonable parking spot, but then takes normally 45 mins to an hour to get out of the car park at the end of the game. This then in turn means pretty much all afternoon is taken up on a Matchday, leaving home around 1:30 and getting home around 6:30 - with lots of dead time sat in car.</p> <p>Living in Didcot, the new stadium would be perfect for train travel, providing there are some subsidies in place for travel with Matchday/season ticket, would be perfect. Can walk to stadium at Didcot due to close proximity of in-laws home to station, and then train to Oxford parkway. With station being so close can either get to the game 10-15 mins before if really had to or with more to do at stadium can plan to get there earlier and spend time/money with club facilities.</p> <p>As the only professional club in the county and with the reputation of the club getting back to where it was after years in the doldrums, having a world class stadium in Oxford can only enhance the reputation further and allow the club to go from strength to strength.</p> <p>It is the only option available to the club long term success and sustainability both to just exist long term and to operate as a sustainable club for its environmental impact long term with considerate environmental themes throughout the design.</p> <p>The long term benefit of such a stadium for the wider area are massive. Investment, jobs, attract better players, lead to more success (hopefully), more exposure, focus, leading stadium design by example that others look at to follow</p> <p>I really hope that you give the go ahead for the stadium and in 2 years or so we have a stadium that the club and the whole county can be proud of as the next exciting chapter for the club begins</p>
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