

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	Nicole Evans
Address	84 Hazel Crescent, Kidlington, OX5 1EJ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As a concerned resident of Kidlington and Water Eaton, I strongly oppose the proposed planning for the Oxford United Football stadium and surrounding housing developments. Our objections stem from several critical concerns that have not been adequately addressed in the planning process.</p> <p>Firstly, the addition of housing developments will encroach upon the limited natural space and green belt areas that are essential for the well-being and enjoyment of our community. With the rapid urbanisation and expansion of residential areas, we risk losing precious green spaces that provide vital ecological benefits and recreational opportunities for residents. This needs to be a consideration when looking at the Oxford United plans.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposed road closures associated with the stadium will severely disrupt local movement and exacerbate existing traffic congestion issues. Kidlington lacks the necessary infrastructure to accommodate the influx of additional cars and people that such a large-scale development would bring. The resulting gridlock and congestion would diminish the quality of life for residents and pose significant safety concerns.</p> <p>Moreover, there has been a glaring lack of comprehensive planning that takes into account the cumulative impact of already confirmed residential and commercial developments in and around Kidlington. The piecemeal approach to planning fails to consider the broader implications for our community's infrastructure, environment, and overall well-being.</p> <p>Drawing parallels to the destructive practices seen in South America, where rainforests have been cleared for profit-driven ventures, we must recognize the irreversible consequences of prioritizing development over environmental preservation. Once green spaces are lost to housing estates and stadiums, there is no turning back. We must learn from the mistakes of others and prioritise sustainability and conservation in our planning decisions.</p> <p>Additionally, Kidlington is prone to heavy flooding during periods of intense rainfall and winter months. The proposed residential developments and stadium construction will only exacerbate these flooding risks, placing additional strain on already overburdened drainage systems and infrastructure.</p> <p>While proponents of the stadium may argue that road closures will be limited to larger games, the intention for the stadium to serve as a "go-to" venue for various events suggests otherwise. The frequent occurrence of road closures for events beyond football matches will further disrupt local life and compound existing traffic challenges.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge the planning authorities to reconsider the proposed development plans for the Oxford United Football stadium and surrounding housing developments. It is imperative that we prioritise the preservation of our natural spaces, address existing infrastructure deficiencies, and adopt a more holistic approach to planning that safeguards the long-term well-being of our community.</p>
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