

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	Simon Hathaway
Address	Windmill Road,Thame,Oxfordshire
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I wish to register my support for the Stadium to be built on the Triangle site.</p> <p>In just over 2 years time Oxford United Football Club, which has been in existence for over 130 years will be homeless. A hugely important part of Oxfordshire could be at risk of going out of existence. The positive impact that the club, and the various groups around it, have on Oxfordshire is immeasurable. The Community Trust provide a fantastic resource for children in some of the most deprived areas of Oxfordshire. The various supporters groups have raised tens of thousands of pounds for various Oxfordshire Charities, and through COVID lockdown the club and supporters were a source of support for many people who otherwise would have been totally isolated. All of that is at risk if the stadium does not go ahead and the club ceases to exist.</p> <p>The new stadium would provide a community hub not only for the resident in the immediate vicinity, but also for the wider Oxfordshire population. It would be something that would demonstrate the excellence that the city and country is known for. A stadium that would have fantastic green credentials. The best access for wheelchair users, and great facilities for neurodiverse supporters. It would be the 2nd closest club of the top 92 clubs in the country to a major transport hub, a massive improvement on the current 2nd furthest. Supporters have already pledged in huge numbers to use public transport to get to games. It will allow access to green spaces on a site that is currently private land and inaccessible. Natural England, who are responsible for "ensuring that England's natural environment, including its land, flora and fauna, freshwater and marine environments, geology and soils, are protected and improved" have no objection to the proposals, saying "Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on statutorily protected nature conservation sites or landscapes".</p> <p>The club have also pledged to provide help in improving and maintaining the local sports pitches used by Kidlington's sports teams, to be a genuine friend to those that use Stratfield Brake.</p> <p>I call upon those making the decision to support the application and allow the club to build a fantastic facility for Oxfordshire.</p>
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