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

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Organisation

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

The proposal for the development was stated to be the inability of the Club to extend its lease of the Kassam Stadium. This has been shown not to be the case and the proposed development is to try to achieve a more favourable financial position for the Club and its shaeholders. However, as the intention is to establish a number of companies to operate the facilities there would seem no reason why in the future the Club could not again be separated in ownership from the stadium and the rest of the development so leaving the Club in a similar position to that which exists at the Kassm Stadium. This has occurred with a number of other league clubs.

In its public presentations the Club presents itself as a community assset, when ,of course, it is a limited company owned by its shareholders and may in the future be subject to sale or take over presenting the present owners with a substantial capital gain if the proposed development goes ahead. For this and other reasons such as parking, traffic management and access from the station, it would be irresponsible for a planning authority to agee a development on green belt land which, since outline approval has been given to housing on the North Oxford Golf Club site, would result in continuous developments betwen Oxford and Kidlington, and could in the future lead to incorporation of the latter within he former not, I think, a development the residente of Kidlington would wish.

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