

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value=""/>
Address	<input type="text" value="8 Woodmere London SE9 5NT"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I've not lived in Oxford since I was a child (35+ years). Oxford United is my last remaining link to the city. I regularly return for the sole purpose of seeing a club that is part of my fabric, as it is the fabric of the city.

This application is crucial to the continuing existence of the club which so is important to so many of your constituents as well as a wider community of football fans.

The proposal manifestly benefits the wider community by promising economic and social benefit, extending the community work the club undertakes in the local area and ensuring the future of Oxfordshire's only professional sports organisation.

Traffic has been cited as an issue. The current set up at Grenoble Road is inconvenient for public transport (it takes me as long to get from the station to the ground as London to Oxford) but the proposal addresses this. The club has a history of working with the local bus companies to offer extra services. The train station is opposite the proposed ground. Traffic management is doable, as seen at Coventry in January.

Football fans are not louts who soil and damage gardens. Observe the crowd tomorrow. It will be large, but it'll be good natured. Go along next Friday, and you'll see the same thing. It's a community within a community, bringing people together.

To reject the proposal would be to sound the death knell for the club. Please don't let your football club die."/>
Received Date	<input type="text" value="11/04/2024 07:30:18"/>
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