

# 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 Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	Wyndsmoor, ,Marston St. Lawrence, ,Banbury, ,OX17 2DB
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Dear Councillors</p> <p>As a fan and supporter of Oxford United who lives in an OX postcode, I wholeheartedly support the proposal for them to develop a new stadium to make their home in Kidlington.</p> <p>I am a fifty something mother who had followed Oxford United from a distance since I was young until my football mad son got selected to play for Oxford United's youth development squad. We then started going to First Team games and eventually became season ticket holders (with my husband and mother), so there were then three generations going to all home games and some away fixtures, following the Yellows on their travels. As a family we have made many new friends following the team and our son with his development games and have been to areas of the country we may not have visited otherwise.</p> <p>A football club means more than just a Saturday afternoon game of football, it's friendship, community, and a sense of belonging; offering opportunities for young and old (and everyone in between!) to enjoy the beautiful game. The Stadium project will also provide facilities and opportunities for all people in the surrounding community to enjoy year round.</p> <p>Oxford United has been around for 130 years and further delays could endanger its very existence as it would face the very real threat of not having a home ground; meaning many more families will not have the experiences we have had and still have, and the wider community will miss out on valuable facilities.</p> <p>This need is urgent due to the lease ending at their current stadium in 2026. It is therefore imperative that Heads of Terms and the lease option agreement are signed, to allow the progression towards gaining planning permission, as soon as possible. Your support is so vital, and I urge you to back the Oxford United Stadium development, after all the Club has the City and County in its name, Oxford United.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Faye Thompson</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	