

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	
Name	Danny Wright
Address	48 Blenheim Road, Kidlington, OX5 2HR
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>The stadium proposal is a unique opportunity for the Village, District and County to have a world class facility which does not have to be financed by the local or national taxpayer, it will in fact bring substantial financial benefits and opportunities for Kidlington's traders.</p> <p>Added to this is the financial gain to the two parish councils by the football club taking over the care of the Stratfield Brake playing fields. This is a cost which will only be an increasing burden on residents if the status quo is maintained, it was after all, only recently that Cherwell DC reached into its reserves to keep the charges to the two parishes at the current rates, I doubt that this is a policy which is sustainable, whichever regime is in place after the May elections, so the costs to Kidlington Parish Council will inevitably increase from the current 18% of budget.</p> <p>The minimal benefit the Triangle site has provided to Kidlington as Green Belt is far outweighed by the benefits the stadium proposal brings to us. It is not just about football, although that is obviously an important element, as an example the stadium will bring proper undercover safe access to all of the facilities for people with every type of disability, something which is not available at the current site.</p> <p>I very much like the opening up of the site as a welcoming area, giving access to residents and others to what will be an attractive piazza. I believe this will become a destination for local walkers and cyclists which will be greatly assisted by the changes being made to the nearby roundabout currently.</p> <p>It is surely possible through a combination of joint match/travel ticketing, a Controlled Parking Zone and marshalled control of the arriving and exiting crowds, to minimise the disruption to a local population which stands to gain so much from the proposed facility. If it is not possible to achieve this in 2024, one has to ask what future hope there is for the young people of our village and district. I urge you to approve this application.</p> <p>Best Regards Danny Wright</p>
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