

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	Nathan Clulow
Address	27 Roundham Close, Kidlington, OX5 1SZ
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As a Kidlington resident, close to the Triangle site, I am hugely in favour of the proposed new Oxford United stadium.</p> <p>The club needs to build a new home to continue to contribute to the Oxfordshire community and the Triangle site is ideal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Transport<p>With Oxford Parkway rail station across the road and major bus routes passing by (the majority of which stop at Oxford Parkway), the site is ideal to deliver an increase in public transport usage, which is both financially beneficial and a positive sustainability approach in less cars being used.</p><p>Buses offer straightforward access via the city centre, and other direct routes from the surrounding area such as Bicester, Banbury & Woodstock.</p><p>Additionally, the train also offers ease of access to the city centre (in 7 minutes), direct access to London, and easily accessible trains to the north via Bicester/Banbury.</p><p>If people did still choose to drive, the Water Eaton Park & Ride provides ample parking.</p>2. Kidlington<p>Kidlington has changed significantly in the 19 years I have lived here and suffers from a major lack of facilities.</p><p>Any development undertaken is done so privately to provide additional accommodation and the local sports clubs struggle to raise money, develop facilities and better engage the local community.</p><p>Bringing a professional football club to the locality will support development in the use of their facilities, increased support and higher participation levels, while also bringing economic benefits via increased football and awareness of local businesses, particularly in the hospitality sector.</p><p>I understand OUFC have also committed to support local sports clubs with the improvement and upkeep of their playing surfaces.</p>3. Youth<p>There is very, very little for young people to do in the Kidlington area and this is borne out in increasing anti-social behaviour.</p><p>Additional facilities and jobs provided by a new stadium would help with this issue.</p>4. The Future<p>Given the CDC plan to significantly develop the area, in terms of housing, additional facilities are essential for a growing population and a new OUFC stadium can bring an improved profile & perception of the area, as well as allowing for events to take place that wouldn't do otherwise.</p>
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