## 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

James Smee

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Type of Comment

Support

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

I live in Eynsham, West Oxon, with my wife and two children. We are keen and active Oxford United fans. I have supported the club for 35 years. It means a huge amount to our family and plays a major role in our weekly lives. It provides us with a shared experience and passion.

Since moving to the village 5 years ago I've built up a wide network of friends and acquaintances in the village of whom all share this love for the club. I've even converted a number of friends in the village to become ardent fans! I don't want to labour the point any further, in summary, it means a lot to a large number of people in our village.

Therefore, the thought of the club not having a home and therefore ceasing to exist, is incredibly worrying to us all. I am therefore asking for Cherwell Councils support in granting permission to so that the club can focus on the delicately balanced timetable for the stadium project and secure its future in this county.

Clearly the 'triangle' site is not without its issues and of course it will change the dynamic in the surrounding area on match days. However I strongly feel that for those opposing the stadium there is an over inflated negative perception of what it will be like whereas the reality will be much lessened. On the flip side the well documented benefits for the area would be game changing.

No site will be perfect, the club has to have a home if it will continue to exist. On behalf of my family and my friends I whole heartedly pledge my support.

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