## Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

| Application Number              | 24/00539/F  |  |
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| 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<br>Name<br>Address | Stanley Ball  |  |
|                                 | 25 Southdale Road   |  |
| Type of Comment                 | Support   |  |
| Туре                            | neighbour   |  |
| Comments                        | I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my fervent belief in the absolute necessity of constructing a new football stadium for Oxford United FC in Kidlington, and why it is imperative that this new facility incorporates state-of-the-art, free-to-use football pitches open to the public. This endeavor is not only about enhancing the stature of the football club but also about nurturing and developing footballing talent in Oxfordshire.<br>First and foremost, the construction of a new stadium for Oxford United FC is essential for the continued growth and success of the club. A modern, purpose-built stadium can provide a myriad of benefits, ranging from increased seating capacity and improved facilities for players and fans to enhanced revenue streams through ticket sales, merchandise, and corporate partnerships. Furthermore, a new stadium can serve as a symbol of ambition and progress for the club, attracting top talent and fostering a sense of pride and identity among supporters.<br>Moreover, the inclusion of state-of-the-art, free-to-use football pitches within the stadium complex is not just desirable but imperative for several reasons. Firstly, providing access to high-quality football facilities at no cost to the public ensures that the sport remains accessible to individuals from all walks of life, regardless of their socioeconomic background. This inclusivity is crucial in promoting participation in physical activity and fostering a sense of community cohesion. |  |
|                                 | <ul> <li>individuals from pursuing their passion for the sport.</li> <li>Furthermore, the presence of free-to-use football pitches within the stadium complex can serve as a hub for grassroots football development initiatives. Oxford United FC can collaborate with local schools, community organizations, and football clubs to offer coaching clinics, talent identification programs, and youth leagues aimed at nurturing talent from a young age. This holistic approach to talent development not only benefits the club in the long run by potentially producing homegrown stars but also enriches the local footballing ecosystem and contributes to the overall health and well-being of the community.</li> <li>Additionally, a new stadium equipped with modern facilities is crucial for the club's progression up the divisions. In order to compete at the highest level and attract top talent, Oxford United FC requires a stadium that meets the standards set by regulatory bodies and rival clubs. A new stadium provides the infrastructure necessary to support the club's ambitions for success on the pitch, enabling them to compete more effectively and ascend through the ranks of English football.</li> <li>In conclusion, the construction of a new football stadium for Oxford United FC in Kidlington</li> </ul>   |  |

is not just about building a venue for matches; it is about investing in the future of the club and the wider community. By incorporating state-of-the-art, free-to-use football pitches open to the public, we can create a legacy that extends far beyond the confines of the stadium walls - one that fosters talent, promotes inclusivity, and enriches the lives of countless individuals across Oxfordshire. I urge you to consider the immense benefits of this endeavor and support its realization for the betterment of our community and the sport we love.

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