

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	Melvyn Warner
Address	32 Warren Mead,Warren Mead,Thame OX9 3GD
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Regardless of a person's opinion of Oxford United, or indeed football in general, I believe that the construction of a facility such as the one proposed by OUFC is an absolute godsend for Oxfordshire, but surely also for the local community who will have a fabulous facility right on their doorstep.</p> <p>In my view this plan ticks every box. For any local families, whether they have young or teenage children, to have local world class facilities such as these is quite simply amazing. The traffic infrastructure is such that the vast majority will surely leave the car at home. I am a season ticket holder living in Thame and can already see an obvious advantage in being able to get a train direct from Haddenham/Thame Parkway. Likewise, when I watch a game with my daughter who lives in Bicester (therefore a Cherwell resident) we will travel in easily on the Chiltern line. My elder brother, who has supported the club since it entered the league in 1962 and now resides in Derby, has also said that with the positioning of the stadium so close to Oxford Parkway Station he will be able to become a season ticket holder once again.</p> <p>I have supported the club since 1968 and so have been lucky enough to have seen the glory days of the sixties, the years of regular football in the old Division 2 (now Championship), the 3 years in the top flight and winning the Football League Cup, and the promotions of 2010 and 2016 which compensated for the four years in non-league football - the result of the journey that Mr Kassam promised he would take us on.</p> <p>I write this on the morning after the 5-0 win over promotion rivals Peterborough United, one of the finest 90 minute performances I have ever seen which has left us in a fine position to challenge for a return to the Championship, in my opinion for a city the size of Oxford is the absolute minimum we should attain to.</p> <p>Oxfordshire, and all of it's residents, should embrace the wonderful entity that is Oxford United Football Club.</p> <p>If this planning application should not be approved because of the small minded views of the few, then sadly I believe it will be the end of the club I, and many thousands of Oxfordshire (and beyond) residents love.</p> <p>Remember, in each of the club's four visits to Wembley we have taken well in excess of 30,000 supporters, and the same may well happen on May 18th at this year's League One Play Off Final.</p>
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