

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	Graham Tucker
Address	Ashworth House, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 1AX
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to express my complete support for the proposed new stadium and community asset based at the so called Triangle south of Kidlington, a parcel of non-accessible land sandwiched between two roads and a roundabout.</p> <p>As a long time season ticket holder, (with my family), at the Manor Ground, (where we lived within walking distance), and subsequently the much harder to access Kassam stadium, I can think of no better location for the club to relocate to when the lease expires at the Kassam. The proximity to the station and park and ride hub ensure that access for all supporters, (home and away), using public transport rather than their own cars will be easy and sustainable. I personally have now had to move away from Oxford to the East of England, and my only current realistic option is to drive to the Kassam for a match. With the proposed stadium site I would then be able to get the train from my home town straight to the stadium, and once the East-West Rail Link is completed that journey will not have to be via London.</p> <p>In addition, what an opportunity for Kidlington, Oxford, and the County as a whole to benefit from this level of investment in a state of the art venue with it's associated facilities, generating income for the area as well as providing much needed employment.</p> <p>Further benefits will be extended to the local community through the maintenance and improvement of the recreational facilities at the nearby Stratfield Brake site, currently costing the local taxpayers a considerable sum of money and which appear to be in need of much needed investment to bring them up to an acceptable standard which the parish council cannot currently fund.</p> <p>The club is already reaching out to local sports teams in the area where, as part of their extensive existing Oxford United in the Community activities, the club have just announced a partnership with Kidlington Youth FC to grow engagement and playing opportunities locally.</p> <p>I'll say it again - what a once in a lifetime opportunity this is for the local community and the county as a whole. Please don't let this opportunity slip, or let unnecessary delays be introduced to the process.</p>
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