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	Emily Dugdale
Address	Candle Cottage,Long Crendon
Type of Comment	Support
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I support this application on the basis that this is an opportunity to create a long-term home for a football club that is at the heart of the Oxfordshire community. The fear of losing a club that means so much to our family and many others is very real at the moment and this plan provides security for the football club and significant benefits for the community moving forwards. The plans here are a vast improvement on the current offering which is neither accessible or family friendly, despite the club's best efforts. The prospect of a stadium that is one of the closest to a train station in the football league is great news for families attending matches. The current journey has to be made by car and access is difficult. The new stadium would be a venue where we could spend time around the game, providing a boost to the local economy and the club would be able to enhance their offering to young fans with improved facilities. The land here is currently inaccessible to the public and providing no significant benefit to the community. The plans are environmentally sensitive and would open access up to allow the land to the community all year round. A final point is based around opportunity. The football club do great work for all sectors of the community, but these plans would allow them to do so much more. The idea of being able to take my daughter to watch Oxford United Women play in the same stadium as the men's team is a very exciting part of the proposal and takes away the unequal opportunities that female footballers in the county have at the moment.
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