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

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Name

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I am writing to add my support of OUFC's planning application for a new stadium at the Triangle.

I was born in Oxford and my family have a long involvement with the football club, going back to the Headington United days. Whilst I haven't lived in Oxford for many years, most of my family do, including some in Kidlington. I still buy a Season Ticket each year and travel from Somerset to almost all games, both home and away. Being an OUFC supporter is a way of life for myself, other members of my family and many friends made through football. It is through OUFC that I, and thousands of other exiles, maintain our links with Oxford, and sell the city to people across the country.

OUFC is not just a football team. The club uses the power of football to provide many community programmes through its charity Oxford United In the Community. Last year the English Football League published a report "Measuring the Impact of EFL Clubs in the Community." It shows that EFL clubs and their Club Community Organisations generated more than 865million of social value to towns and cities across the country through groundbreaking community programmes during the 2021/2022 season.

The circumstances around the club's need to move from the Kassam stadium, and the critical timescales, have been well documented. With OUFC's current owners a once in a lifetime opportunity exists to build a world class stadium befitting the city of Oxford. The stadium would provide a state of the art new home for the club and a Community Hub and facilities for the people of Kidlington and the county.

If CDC/OCC do not support the club's needs and approve this planning application the county will miss out on this opportunity and the future of the club and its contribution to Oxford life could be extremely bleak.

Regards

Alan Wright

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