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

Jacqueline Fairchild

Address

30 Carlton Road Oxford OX2 7SB

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I understand that the club could have many benefits for people in the surrounding area and way beyond. However, I am really concerned that the traffic and people movement will bring considerable and unreasonable restriction to those living nearby if it is located at the triangle. The building developments that are already underway along the A40 and Kidlington must increase the complexity of modelling future traffic flow into and out of Oxford. Any kind of road closure is surely going to cause huge bottlenecks on alternative routes on match-day Saturdays. Although Saturday is only one day of the week and it is not every Saturday, Saturday is a key time for family visits or outings. I am also concerned that more people will avoid coming into Oxford from the North with a knock-on effect on trade. Keeping the city centre lively and vibrant is in everyone's interests and it has been hard enough for traders to get back on their feet following the pandemic.

At a time of environmental awareness, it doesn't seem right to knock down one stadium and build another in the same city if there is any prospect of staying at the current site.

North Oxford and Kidlington are in a period of uncertainty in terms of increased traffic flow from planned developments already and if this very expensive stadium made traffic unmanageable, it would seem immensely difficult to find a way forwards.

I am very much hoping that there can be a positive way forward for the club, for local residents and for Oxford businesses without compromising already congested key access routes which we all rely upon.

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