

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Ben Steckiewicz"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="84 Cuthbury Gardens, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1YB"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>As a former resident of the Cherwell area, having grown up in the vicinity and with family still residing locally, I am writing to express my absolute support for the planning application to construct a new stadium for Oxford United. This project promises to be transformative for Oxfordshire, offering a modern and sustainable venue that will serve as a vibrant community hub and contribute significantly to the local economy, community and overall social well-being.</p> <p>The proposed stadium's design reflects a commitment to sustainability and innovation, aligning perfectly with the Cherwell Draft Plan for 2040's vision for sustainable development across the region. It presents a unique opportunity to create a landmark structure that not only celebrates Oxfordshire's heritage as a football club, but also provides Oxfordshire with the opportunity to set a new standard for environmentally conscious stadium design and construction that can be followed across the country.</p> <p>The project's emphasis on biodiversity and environmental sustainability is evident, with plans to incorporate native species landscaping, tree planting and renewable energy technologies to power the stadium. The commitment to achieving a minimum of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain underscores the project's dedication to environmental conservation and habitat enhancement.</p> <p>I am particularly impressed by Oxford United's dedication to fostering community engagement and creating social impact. The club's commitment to being "United With The Community" is evident in its comprehensive range of initiatives, from educational workshops to mental health programs, aimed at improving the lives of local residents and creating a lasting legacy for future generations. Oxford United's pledge to maintain and improve the sports playing pitches at Stratfield Brake will provide significant community benefits, offering local sports clubs access to high-quality facilities and promoting active lifestyles and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>The proposed stadium's strategic location near Oxford Parkway railway station, coupled with the club's commitment to providing access from park and ride facilities, offers a sustainable transportation solution that will help alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the environmental impact of match-day travel.</p> <p>The economic boost that the new stadium will bring to the entire Oxfordshire region cannot be overstated. It will create hundreds of new jobs during both the construction and operating stage, generating substantial economic output, as well as attracting visitors and investment to further stimulate growth and prosperity across the county. The commitment to offering 10 apprenticeships annually throughout the construction phase will open doors for numerous young individuals, granting them valuable opportunities that may not otherwise be accessible within the county.</p> <p>Should Oxford United move to the proposed site, the redevelopment of the old stadium site provides an opportunity to address the pressing need for housing in Oxfordshire, recognised</p>

collectively by all councils across the county. According to the Oxford Local Plan for 2040, the old Kassam Stadium site could accommodate a minimum of 275 new homes, contributing to the councils' commitment to meeting local housing needs and providing much-needed accommodation across the county.

I wholeheartedly support the planning application for this new development. It presents a unique opportunity to establish a sustainable and inclusive community space, demonstrating environmental consideration whilst also providing both short and long-term economic growth for the region. I urge the planning committee to approve this project and help realise its immense potential for the benefit of Oxfordshire and its residents.

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