Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Robert Harris

Address

Hillstones, Kemmimg Road, Whitwell, Ventnor, PO38 2RA

Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I have lived in the county for the first 55 years of my life of which the final ten years were in the Cherwell District area (Deddington). When i was twelve my father took me to watch Oxford United and i fell in love with the team having been football mad from a younger age. The inspiration and enthusiasm that infused me then and still does now, as a season ticket holder, has enabled me to establish a second 'career' in football. I took a big decision in my life to take a break from watching United to peruse a career as a Referee in Oxfordshire. Through hard work and determination i went to become one of only three people from Oxfordshire to Referee on the Premier League and only one of two people from the county to have been a FIFA match official. I did this because of a love of football which was without any doubt because of watching and being inspired by Oxford United. So why am i telling you this? because without a vibrant local Football League team to inspire young people and allow them to realise their potential and to succeed in sport or life goals, a massive opportunity will be lost to detriment of the quality of life in the county. The very existence of our football club/team relies on a business model whereby the new stadium at the Triangle is an integral part to offer the the current and future generations of young people in the county to have an opportunity the like of which I had. I know that you have a difficult decision to make and that others will take a different view to granting planning permission to build the new stadium, but for the sake of our young people and their aspirations, that you have the foresight, courage and vision to allow the stadium to be built.

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