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	Michael Kovacevich	
Address	94 Frenchay Road,Oxford,OX2 6TF	
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I am a supporter of the Oxford United Football Club but object to the building of a stadium on the site proposed. The site is designated 'green belt' and needs to be kept as a natural green space for us and future generations. There are many sites around Oxford that could have been used that already have built structures on. Yes, probably more cost to repurpose but we desperately need to protect our green spaces around the world for our physical and mental health. In addition, Oxford has become a congested city with failing services largely, in my opinion, due to the escalation in people living here. The area around Kidlington, especially Stratfield Brake and the new Oxford North development is facing complete gridlock and is a nightmare to pass through at peak times. Other new housing developments in the area along Banbury and Woodstock roads will only exacerbate the problem. A huge new stadium is the last thing this area needs. Active travel options are a fine ideal but experience shows that most people, given half a chance, will drive to the stadium. This can be seen in the roads around the Kassam stadium on match days where cars clog the streets. It will be no different for the new stadium. Most people also do not want to live next to/near a football stadium so why not place it in a business or industrial park which tends to be pretty much unused outside of business hours?	
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