

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	
Address	Ian Campbell 3 Champion Hall Drive,,Didcot,,OX11 9RL
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Triangle</p> <p>The owners of Oxford United football club are offering to build the most environmentally friendly stadium in the whole of the country, possibly even the world. A shining eco beacon for Oxfordshire to be proud of and a benchmark for others to follow. This is not a once in a lifetime opportunity, it's a once EVER opportunity and without the stadium's go ahead the club will be forced out of existence. The area of land known as the triangle may remain untouched for a while but nobody can seriously expect that to last forever. Whatever ever future development occurs on the site will without doubt be not as environmentally friendly as what is on offer now.</p> <p>One of the greatest benefits of the location is its easy access to Oxford parkway train station which will alleviate the need for many people to drive to matches. Along with the park and ride station there should be ample parking for anyone who doesn't have the option to use public transport. It cannot be denied that there will be more traffic and pedestrians in the area before and after match days however it's important to factor in that this will only occur on average once every two weeks throughout the course of a year. With a little bit of planning it seems unlikely that local residents would be troubled to a large degree.</p> <p>I fully understand and appreciate that councillors need to represent and address issues of their constituents but not without looking at the bigger picture. Oxford United FC is more than just a football club, it is part of the fabric of the city and county of Oxfordshire. It has many programs bringing help to the wider community as well as joy to the thousands of fans who attend matches or follow the club through other ways. In short, I accept there may be minor issues for some local residents however this needs to be weighed up against the serious detrimental effect it would have upon the greater population of Oxfordshire.</p>
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