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

Type

Richard Moore

Address

17 Garden Close Lane, Didcot, OX11 0BN, United Kingdom

Type of Comment

Support

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neighbour

Comments

Sir,

I am writing in support of the proposed stadium for Oxford United between Oxford and Kidlington.

I am a pensioner and am not a regular attendee of matches but do listen to as many as I can. It is clear that the club is important to a great many people in the county (and beyond). Not just those who are able to go to watch the matches in person, but to those who, like me, listen from afar.

My son, and multiple grandchildren actively support the team and many of them have benefited from the club's community work. The thought that it may be in peril is something that saddens me.

Very few people want things built on their doorstep, that's understandable. But the club has to move and it seems to me that a new site by a main-line railway station, near multiple park and ride schemes and bus routes is ideal, particularly in these times where car use is discouraged.

Facilities and venues for young people are in short supply. The work OUFC has done is impressive in that regard but one has the sense that it could be significantly enhanced through the provision of better facilities which, importantly, are under the club's control.

In all my years, the club has never really enjoyed the backing of its local authorities. I urge you to change that and support this exciting and necessary proposal.

Thank you.

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Attachments