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

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Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I comment as both a second generation Oxford United supporter and as a member of the

Having worked in Green Belt Authorities and, as I am now, working in a private capacity for clients on applications in the Green Belt, I am very much aware of the purposes of the Green Belt and the need to protect openness.

As a long-term supporter of Oxford United I am equally aware of the incalculable benefits of having a successful professional football team representing you and your community brings to a region. These benefits are not just financial but they stretch across the breadth of society from everyday health to local prestige.

It is essential for our football club to have a home of its own that supporters and the community can buy into and be proud of. Notwithstanding the massive environmental benefits that the documents supporting the application have established that the stadium will bring, it must be the case that the overall social benefits to the huge active and passive supporters that this development will enable, will outweigh the substantial weight given to any harm to the Green Belt. These benefits therefore constitute very special circumstances as defined in paragraph 153 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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