

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Howard Bailey"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="44 Portcullis Drive,Wallingford,Oxfordshire,OX10 9LY"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>Dear sir, madam,</p> <p>I am writing in support of Oxford United Football Club's (OUFC) Planning Application (24/00539/F) to build a football stadium and associated infrastructure on land known as The Triangle, Kidlington.</p> <p>I believe that there are key socio-economic benefits to this plan that are in line with Cherwell District Council's planning objectives, including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Economic benefits to residents in terms of employment opportunities and increased revenues for local businesses. The plans are projected to realise 320 direct full time equivalents (FTEs) and 250+ indirect FTEs with projected offsite spending of 5.8m.2. Improvements to sports facilities with OUFC's proposal to support local sports clubs.3. Increased local access to health and well-being facilities, and also benefits from the widespread work of Oxford United in the Community (OUitC). <p>(details from OUFC Executive Summary)</p> <p>I feel the building plans outline a state-of-the-art stadium built to the highest environmental standards (e.g. net zero carbon footprint, building materials, renewable energy and water management), with landscaping which retains as much of the existing woodland and treeline as possible and using native species as in-fill as required. I believe this is a significant feature of the design and shows OUFC's commitment to maintaining and improving the on-site environment and biodiversity.</p> <p>In considering the effects on the local residents I believe the plans as submitted are structured to minimise any (perceived) negative impacts. For example;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 - The plans include minimising the height of the skyline of the stadium by utilising the lowest possible startpoint for construction, and by careful consideration to the building's facade.2 - Potential noise and light pollution are minimised by utilising a bowl style stadium with roofing angled to primarily retain crowd noise and for the lighting to be at roof level, which with a sloping roof should be below the stadium's skyline..3 - Finally I believe that the location close to Oxford Parkway Station and local Park-and-Ride facilities will minimise traffic volumes on matchdays. Accepting the potential for increases in traffic volumes OUFC have evidently worked with relevant bodies to build a robust traffic management plan. <p>Whilst the site is planned to be used for more than just the men's team it is undoubtedly the men's team who will bring in the highest number of fans and potentially have the biggest impacts on the local residents and infrastructure. So saying I believe that it should be noted that (in terms of league games) OUFC men's team have 23 home league games, which are generally scheduled on a Saturday afternoon or weekday evenings after 7pm. These times are not at peak travel times, and as such I believe any traffic impacts on residents day-to-</p>

day activities should be minimal.

Please support this planning application and enable Oxford United to continue to exist and to entertain Oxfordshire residents whilst bringing untold socio-economic benefits to all Oxfordshire, on a site which optimises its environmental potential.

Regards, Howard Bailey

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