

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=""/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Marc Wood"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="5 Ken Bellringer Way,Didcot,Oxon,OX11 6BQ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="As a long term support of the club I cannot stress how important it is that this stadium is approved. Oxford United as a club have been taken advantage of during their lowest moments by then chairman and now owner of the current stadium Firoz Kassam. Mr Kassam bought the club including their only asset (the Manor Ground)for only 1, he then sold this land to build a hospital and benefited very nicely from this. Yes he did spend money to build the Kassam Stadium however I'm sure he has more than recouped this since selling the club, keeping the stadium and charging the club rent with the bare minimum maintenance I might add. As a season ticket holder its quite frankly an embarrassment. If Oxford United are to survive they must have their own ground and be rid of this man for good. I know he has said that the club don't need to move and can stay at the Kassam Stadium but you can bet this will be at a greatly increased rent which will once again benefit him and the club will once again suffer. Supporting a football club is such a big part of my life, iv been a season ticket holder since the Manor Ground when my Grampy and I would walk up from Marston to Headington. When Covid hit and I was unable to attend matches it really affected me. I work hard all we and that couple of hours on a Saturday with your mates is much needed just as a little release from the stresses of the working week. If there is no club which I really fear could happen a lot of people will not have this release. We need to be proud of our City and our football club and do all we can to ensure its survival."/>
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