## 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** 

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Type of Comment

Support

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

I'm sure you have had many similar comments to this but I feel I should also add to the comments. Oxford United football club is a vital asset to the people and community of the county and beyond. You have to say that the relationship with the current stadium landlord has been very difficult over the years, which is why it is so important for the club to have direct control over the stadium and for it to be linked to the club in perpetuity. With the lease on the current stadium expiring there is a very real danger that the club could go out of existence, which would be an absolute tragedy for Oxfordshire and the people who live there.

The football club do so much to support the local community beyond just providing a professional football club for the people to come and see. They have a growing community programme to do good within the community.

I really do get and understand some of the objections that are being raised but I feel that I can certainly alleviate the fear of the "football hooligan". In the South stand upper where I tend to sit I'd say the average age is 55+. Many are much older and coming to a football match may be the only social interaction they have.

Anyway, you get the gist. Please, please look favourably upon this application.

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**Attachments**