

Objections to the siting of the Oxford United Stadium on the Triangle.

Traffic congestion: The traffic flow through Kidlington and in both directions has dramatically increased over the last fifty years, I've lived in the village for over fifty years, and which has dramatically increased the level of carbon monoxide in the air, and which can only get worse if this stadium is built, even driving around the village on Saturday could be considered a nightmare.

Road closures: What right does a private company, that's what Oxford United is despite them continually putting themselves forward as a community asset to think they can bulldoze this through the planning process, congestion at the Kidlington roundabout during daily rush hour is gridlocked, which plays havoc with buss timetables, and Kidlington is a main route to and from the north, including traffic filtering off the A34, even more of which will be imposed on match days.

Park and Rides: The park and rides to the north of Oxford are already almost filled to maximum, is it intended to expand these park and rides, there's extra capacity at the Kidlington park and ride, which if used by supporters will add to the current park and ride and rail passengers access into and out of that park and ride.

North Oxford roundabouts: Both north Oxford roundabouts are and always have been pinch points, even though the traffic lights aid traffic flow.

Road closures: What right does a private company have to demand road closures to enable supporter to get to and from the stadium, the plan to build a footbridge soon evaporated, what else are Oxford United intending to renege on, plans for the four hundred bed hotel and retail outlets seem to have gone strangely quiet, which if built would be a seven day a week traffic flow problem.

Off street parking: Its human nature to park as close as possible to a venue, with access in and out of the park and ride supporters will take the easy route, its better to spend fifteen minutes walking to an off street parking spot than to get in a queue to get out of a park and ride, Garden City and Gosford Hill will suffer from this parking, eventually to combat this the council will impose resident only parking which means residents paying for a permit for friends and family to use when they visit, and parking fines if they don't. We've already had a taster of this when Oxford United hosted Wycombe Wanderers at the Kassam this season, when coaches ferried supporters to the stadium, Yarnton Road in Kidlington was jammed with supporters cars both side of the street.

The Triangle: This is part of the north Oxford floodplain, in the event its covered with concrete where is that water going to go, then there's the wide variety of wildlife that call the triangle home, there is also a company that coppice the willow every two years, this is a sustainable and green product that keeps giving, houses are already being built on the same floodplain opposite North Oxford Golf Course, which is also earmarked for more housing, and which only increases the chances of flooding, St Mary's annex graveyard on the Bicester Road is constantly under water, whose going to be held accountable and pay for the extra drainage required to deal with the run off, on both sites.

A question I haven't heard asked: Whose paying to build an 18000 seater stadium, and equally importantly whose going to pay for changes to our road

system? Is this going to be dropped on Kidlington council taxpayers, already paying sky high council taxes.

Which begs another question: If I made myself deliberately homeless there would be no requirement for Cherwell Council to rehouse me, in fact they wouldn't Mr Kassam has offered Oxford United a new lease until 2046, why aren't they taking that up, that offers been on the table for a long time and Oxford United are now putting in a late planning application, cutting back on the time required to raise objections, they're running the clock down, this stadium needs to be rejected, Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council have no legal or moral obligation to dump this white elephant on Kidlington.