## 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	
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Organisation		
Name	Steven Hall	
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Type of Comment	Support	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	The club need the new stadium, because financial, staying at the Kassam is simply not viable, due to the rent charge by the stadium owners. Oxford United cannot grow and operate as a football club properly, with the financial restraints placed by Firoka, giving the club an uncertain future. Oxford United is not just a football club, I see it as an important part of the Oxfordshire community. For me, matchday is not just about watching a game of football, it is an opportunity to interact with people. Having a history of depression, this is of vital importance to me. I started to go Oxford games to help me deal with this depression, and of the past 14 years as a season ticket holder, it has helped immensely and has helped me be more social, and have made many friendship with fellow supporters. Oxford United isn't just a football club, it's a community, with this community looking out for each other, and I truly believe the people of Kidlington will benefit from this community. I don't know what I would do without it to be honest. Also I believe the local sporting community will benefit from having this community. We are currently unable to have our youth and women's team, play at our current ground, again due to the financial demands of Firoka making it impossible to do so. A new stadium, would give all areas of the club a chance to play under the and roof and make it a proper. Not to mention give the opportunity for grassroots football to play there, something that was a great benefit when the club played at the Manor ground, Headington	
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