

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<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"/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Thomas Curtis"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="Flat 16,1 Elvian Close,Reading,RG30 3FN"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As a devoted supporter and a proud product of the Oxfordshire soil, I pen this heartfelt letter to express my unwavering support for the proposed new stadium. Although I no longer reside within the city limits, my roots run deep in the very fabric of this community. For over three decades, Oxford United has been more than just a football club-it has been a beacon of passion, camaraderie, and shared memories.</p> <p>The Manor Ground, where I witnessed my inaugural football match, remains etched in my mind as a core memory. The roar of the crowd, the smell of the grass, and the thrill of victory or defeat-it all unfolded within those hallowed walls. And now, as a new father, I yearn for the opportunity to pass on this tradition to my son. The thought of not having a stadium where we can create our own memories together is nothing short of heartbreaking.</p> <p>But this isn't merely about nostalgia; it's about the future. Oxfordshire deserves a thriving football club-one that stands tall as a symbol of community pride and resilience. A stadium isn't just a collection of bricks and seats; it's a sanctuary where dreams are born, rivalries ignite, and generations connect. It's where friendships are forged, chants echo through the air, and the spirit of the game lives on.</p> <p>The Triangle, identified as the potential site for our new home, holds the promise of something extraordinary. A 16,000-capacity stadium, nestled within a single building, will not only host exhilarating matches but also serve as a hub for culture, wellness, and shared experiences. Imagine a place where football enthusiasts gather, families bond, and visitors from near and far feel the pulse of our county.</p> <p>And it's not just about football. The proposed complex includes a 180-bed hotel, a restaurant, a conference center, and health and well-being spaces. It's a vision that transcends the pitch, weaving itself into the very fabric of Oxfordshire. The community plaza-a vibrant heart where fans mingle, children play, and memories are made-will be a testament to our commitment to inclusivity.</p> <p>Environmental sustainability is at the core of this project. With green spaces, improved transport connections, and accessibility for all, we're not just building a stadium; we're nurturing a legacy. Biodiversity will thrive, and the stadium will become a bridge between neighbourhoods, connecting us all in a shared love for the beautiful game.</p> <p>As the sun sets on the Kassam Stadium era, let us embrace this opportunity to propel Oxford United into the 21st century. Let us rally behind a vision that transcends boundaries, unites generations, and ensures that our sons and daughters inherit a legacy worth celebrating.</p> <p>Oxford United, you are more than a club; you are our heartbeat. Let's build a home where dreams soar, where victories taste sweeter, and where the roar of the crowd echoes through</p>

time. Together, we'll write a new chapter-one that celebrates our past, embraces our present, and secures our future.

With unwavering support,

Thomas Curtis  
Proud Oxfordshire Native and Lifelong U's Fan

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