## 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** 

Name

Nigel Girling

**Address** 

Blacksmith Cottage, Church Lane

Type of Comment

Support

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

I have been a supporter of Oxford United for almost 60 years and a resident of Kidlington for more than 30 years. My mother lived there until her death in 2016. My sister was in the car with Peter Houseman, his wife and my Brother-in-Law during the fatal accident in 1977 that killed them all and orphaned their combined families of 6 children. OUFC were extremely supportive, as were Chelsea FC, in the difficult years that followed as I helped raise my sister's three children. I was a regular, with my BIL, at The Manor throughout the 1960s and 70s - but a less frequent visitor to Grenoble Road (The Kassam) having moved away from Oxfordshire. The club is an essential part of the city and county and this new stadium would add so much value to the community and the club. The Kassam has never felt like 'our' ground and is significantly below the standard of the best League 1 and Championship stadia. Oxford is a major city with global renown. It deserves a club and a stadium that befits the status of its history and importance. I support this stadium opportunity as a former local resident and a lifelong supporter. I urge the council to do everything it can to enable this stadium to be built and to help the club to find creative ways to resolve the concerns expressed by what is, in proportion, a small minority of local residents.

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**Attachments**