

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<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"/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value=""/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Joe Townsend"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="37 Leckford Road,OX2 6HY,Oxford"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="Oxford United's plans for a new stadium are vital for the sustainability of the club but more importantly for the future of sport in Oxfordshire. The Yellows are a county club and it has long been known that the Kassam does not reflect a suitable home for Oxford United. For the county to get all the benefits of a successful local club, both in revenue, provision, charity, jobs, mental health, and so forth, the club must be housed in a suitable place. Not since the Manor Ground have Oxford United had that and this is certainly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have that again. Whilst naturally there are some concerns primarily about congestion in the local area, this is something that with the right planning and investment can be overcome. A bridge and temporary road closures for a few hours every couple of weeks seem appropriate and won't negatively impact the local area. Whilst the Kassam's following is centred around driving from across the county, the new ground at the Triangle would cut emissions exponentially with the large number of people who would come by train. Furthermore, with safe cycle routes and increased matchday busses, there is no reason why the number of people driving to the game can not be cut drastically. On top of this, as someone with friends and family in Kidlington, this may be the opportunity that the area has needed for some time. Whilst some local people see football fans as loud, obnoxious drunks, this has not been the case for a long time and there is a need for people who are against this proposal to be more realistic and work with the football club, not against it. The good that football and sport, in general, do for local communities is underappreciated and I have no doubt that if these plans were approved, then in ten years we would only be talking about all the incredible positive changes seen, without a doubt, we would not be discussing any negatives. As I'm sure you're aware, the comprehensive plans submitted by the club are thorough and forward-thinking, making this an exciting opportunity which I wholeheartedly encourage you to get on board with. Thanks for your time."/>
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