

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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| <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="Will McBain"/>  |
| <b>Address</b>            | <input type="text" value="24 COURTLAND ROAD,OXFORD"/>   |
| <b>Type of Comment</b>    | <input type="text" value="Comment"/>  |
| <b>Type</b>               | <input type="text" value="neighbour"/>  |
| <b>Comments</b>           | <input type="text" value="Dear Cherwell,&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;my name is Will McBain and I am a life-long Oxford resident and Oxford United fan.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;The football club, alongside places of worship and pubs, is one of the few places where Oxford residents of all socio-economic, gender and ethnic backgrounds regularly mix, in what is possibly one of the most elitist and class based cities in the world.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Oxford is fortunate that it currently has owners that want to save and develop the club and secure its future, after decades of having people in charge that just wanted to exploit the city and the club.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;But I fear for the future of the club if the planning application doesn't go through, especially considering the lease at the Kassam is nearly up.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;If Oxford United dies then it will be just the latest, and perhaps final, nail in the coffin of what was once a vibrant working class culture in the city when we still had industry and manufacturing.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;I implore you to do all you can to see to it that the city gets its only professional sporting stadium and you ensure that the city has a place, where all its people can continue to meet, form bonds and friendship, and provide an escape to what can at times be a difficult life in an intolerably expensive city.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;If we don't do this, then the politicians and councilors of Oxford will have sent the loudest message possible, that this city is for the rich alone, and the University is all that matters. And that would be a crying shame.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Yours sincerely,&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Will"/> |
| <b>Received Date</b>      | <input type="text" value="18/04/2024 11:33:25"/>  |
| <b>Attachments</b>        |   |