Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Adam Powell

Address

Type

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Type of Comment

Support

neighbour

Comments

I urge the council to approve this application without delay.

I believe this stadium has the potential to be a game changer for not only the county, but for the local area and people of Kidlington. As a previous resident of Headington, I witnessed the 'death' of so many local businesses when the football club moved to the Kassam. This stadium and its additional features, has the potential to make a hugely positive impact on the local economy.

The football club's positive effect on the county is remarkable. It runs programmes, through its Community trust, for all types of people throughout the county. Owning its own stadium will significantly increase the effect the trust can have. Which in the current climate, will be vital.

The environmental impact this stadium will have is also significant. Going from a stadium that has been poorly designed and managed since it's opening by it's owner, that is unsustainable in every way, to one that is fully electric with the most up-to-date technology will reduce the clubs environmental impact substantially. Additionally, having a very influential organisation like Oxford United owning a highly sustainable ground will undoubtedly encourage all who engage with it to think about their own contribution to climate, which, as we all know is very urgent issue not only for the county, but for the world.

I also note the transport options that this stadium provides will make a huge impact on county traffic levels. Having a train station and bus stops within walking distance, mixed with a small car park, will encourage all who attend the stadium (for football matches or otherwise) to use public transport. This is currently not the case as the Kassam is inaccessible from public transport and encourages people to drive.

The clubs plans will also see an area of what can only be currently described as wasteland, transformed into a bio diversity hub. This will in effect keep the barrier between Kidlington and Oxford, which when talking to family who live in Kidlington, is so important to them.

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