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

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Name

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

A football league club is a major asset to any town or city. But in the case of Oxford United that extends to the whole county. It brings people together in a common sense of unity. I have seen this for fifty years as I have followed the club. But, significantly, this has become more and more the case in recent years. Oxford United in the Community has become a real force for good and has had a positive effect on many peoples' lives. OUFC really is a family and community club with so many far reaching positive influences.

The club will have to vacate their current stadium in 2026 when the lease expires. If a new home is not available by then there is a real risk that the club could fold. The site at Kidlington would not only ensure it's survival, but would be an ideal location to provide the benefits I have mentioned to the whole county, not just the city.

In addition to this there would be so many benefits to the community from the non football aspects of OUFC's plans for the stadium.

So, please support these plans. You will be doing a wonderful thing for the county as a whole and for many many people, not just the club itself. Thank you.

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