## 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** 

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

**Comments** 

First of all I would like to state that I believe, the local council and authorities have missed a once in a generation opportunity to unite and galvanise local sports and leisure faculty's by failing to work with the club regarding a state of the art development for many local teams at Stratfield Brake. Never again in my lifetime will an opportunity like this arise and I will always see this as a huge opportunity missed. Having said that the "Triangle" is the next best option, and one not to be overlooked. The need for a new and fit for purpose ground for the club can't be denied and anyone who believes the Kassam fits this criteria clearly hasn't been to the Kassam or a modern football stadium. I won't claim to be privy to the ins and outs of planning laws and all the objections. From what I can tell most of the objections seem to be based around various councillors who quite frankly shouldn't be allowed anywhere near and decision making process regarding the stadium and ultimately what is likely to be a defining moment for our football club. This application being rejected would most likely kill Oxford untitled football club. These councillors clearly having hidden/personal motives for delaying or even preventing this application being approved. They don't care for the club or frankly what rules they need to bend or break throughout the application and it truly astounds me that some haven't been removed from having any input in this application. The only viable reason I can see for the stadium being delayed is the likely road closure during match days. However this for me is a feeble reason to potentially kill our only full time professional football club. Only a few weeks ago I experienced a road closure a Leicester city's King Power Stadium, I went to view a car at the local Seat dealer which happens to be directly opposite the football stadium, I asked about how it's affects them and they're honest response was it really doesn't bother them, sure it's an inconvenience but it's the only way for that stadium to be operated safely, what should OUFC be treated any differently? Personally I feel that local authorities and councillors have done almost nothing to help the club for years now yet are more then happy to jump on the bandwagon and piggyback off any on pitch success. It's time to pull your fingers out and back the club and approve this proposal. The last thing anyone really wants is delays and I see no sufficient reasons to prevent this development.

Regards Charlie Smith.

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**Attachments**