

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="A T Goodwin"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="140 Cotswold Way, RG31 6ST"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I wholeheartedly support Oxford United's proposed move to a new stadium site at The Triangle.

It has been proven beyond any disputable doubt that the club's current situation at the Kassam Stadium is untenable and cannot continue - and the people of Oxfordshire simply must find a solution which protects and preserves this valuable community asset and allows it to thrive for generations to come. As well as providing a community hub which promises to benefit people of all ages, generating jobs for the local area etc.

The proposed site promises a revolutionary, environmentally friendly design, in a location which completely reshapes the balance through which the vast majority of football supporters will travel to games. The club has promised to improve biodiversity, to provide a design which respects the area, have engaged with local residents at all levels to understand concerns and attempt to allay them where possible, and the application is fully consistent with government and local policy on sustainable transport, build and operation.

As a resident of Reading, I current drive to the Kassam Stadium for match days, and the residents of Kidlington/Cherwell see no economic benefit of myself or other exiled OUFC fans. The opportunity the new site presents to leave the car and use sustainable public transport methods to attend home games, to generate jobs for local people and to encourage people like myself to the area and to spend our money in ways which benefits local people is surely of value and interest to the local community also.

The very existence of Oxford United - a beloved community institution for more than a century - is at risk if the wrong decision is made here. My own belief is that the people of Oxfordshire have already been irreparably harmed by the short-sighted decision to reject the initial plans for a Stratfield Brake build and transformational, once in generation opportunity all that site could have offered. It is critical the right decision is made, Oxford's stadium project at The Triangle is backed and this invaluable community asset is kept safe for our children, their children and many further generations to come."/>
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