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

Mark Dumbleton

Address

17 Kingfisher Way, Bicester, OX26 6YB

Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I have had the pleasure of supporting Oxford United ever since my dad took me to a game when I was a child. I have now been fortunate enough to take my own children to some games.

Supporting a club like Oxford isn't for the guaranteed success on the field that you might get from supporting a bigger Premier League team, but it is for the ups and downs and the unknown that keeps life interesting. Oxford fans are like a family, and it brings people from all different walks of life together with a shared understanding.

I have been witness to what has been going on behind the scenes in recent history, regarding the issues around the Kassam stadium as well as many others, and I fear that we are heading for a crossroads. Without the guarantee of a stadium to play at going forward, I fear for the survival of the club.

I have also seen some of the objections of the new stadium plan, and I am sympathetic with some of the points made. If this project is taken forward, which I am supportive of, it shouldn't be done at any cost. Careful consideration should be taken to ensure that this is an environmentally sound stadium, and a central hub for the local community. I am optimistic that with the plans I have seen so far that the club have these best interests on board.

As I live in Bicester, I would plan to commute to games via train. I already use the train service to travel to my work in central Oxford, and it is an outstanding service that we as a county should be proud of.

Thank you for considering my comments, and I am hopeful to see Oxford United play in a new stadium in the not too distant future.

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