

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=""/>
Address	<input type="text" value="17 Kingfisher Way, Bicester, OX26 6YB"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="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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