

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	Laura Bell
Organisation Name	
Name	Tim Butler
Address	173 Banbury Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AL
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I'm writing to in support of the planning application before Cherwell DC for the stadium. I am both a Kidlington resident and Oxford Utd supporter.</p> <p>As a resident, I acknowledge that there will be inconvenience on matchdays, and that the green belt will be squeezed. It would be rare for a major project to be able to deliver its benefits without some costs. But I do believe that the football club will mitigate these impacts as well as it can both in its design and its operations, and that it will be most successful in doing so if it has healthy and proactive relationships with the various local authorities, transport companies and its neighbours so I would ask everyone involved to take a positive and pragmatic approach to working with the club.</p> <p>I see the three main benefits of Oxford Utd basing its home at Kidlington as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I welcome the investment in Kidlington. The stadium and its ancillary facilities will provide opportunities for employment and will bring revenue into the locality, not just for the football club. This will help to keep our shops, pubs and restaurants open.2. As someone who worked as a volunteer in youth cricket and youth football, I have witnessed great social benefit that involvement in sport can bring to children and adults. Having the club in our neighbourhood will have an impact by way of role model, and the commitments to local sport set out in the application will be of direct practical help to support the leisure and volunteer sport sector.3. Enabling Oxford Utd to own its own stadium rather than pay rent to a third party landlord is fundamental to it being able to operate as a sustainable business. This business model is the only way that the county will be able to hold onto a football league club. And while not every resident of Oxfordshire will be a football fan, nonetheless OUFC is one of those assets, alongside museums, theatres, galleries, the dreaming spires and the countryside which provide focus and something local to share as part of our identity as Oxfordshire residents.
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