

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	Mehmet Ciftci
Address	7 Maple Court,Kidlington,OX5 1HL
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I have several objections to the planning application by OUFC. I am by no means a NIMBY and am generally supportive of building works, even those on green belts, if they have sufficient justification in terms of their potential benefit for the local economy or the tackle the shortage of affordable family housing. However, this application has none of those merits.</p> <p>Firstly, I am not convinced that there are any very special circumstances that justify building on the green belt. The area between Kidlington and Oxford is precious and worth preserving, not only because it is a biodiverse home to wildlife, plants, animals, etc. It is also important as a buffer zone between the two. The people of Kidlington objected when the council tried to change its status from a 'village' to a 'town' in the 1980s, but the council tried to justify their decision by saying that it would prevent Kidlington from being swallowed up by an expanding Oxford. They were wrong to change the village's status, but they were right to know that those who live in Kidlington are afraid of it being engulfed by Oxford. The remaining green belt serves precisely to prevent that.</p> <p>Secondly, I object vociferously against the planning application because I am not at all convinced that they have considered how to deal with the increased traffic congestion and road closures. Driving in Oxford is already a nightmare, and a nightmare that seems to be always getting worse, thanks to Oxford's city council. We do not need to make the situation even worse by making foolish and imprudent decisions that will further congest the already badly congested roads around Kidlington and Oxford.</p> <p>Thirdly, I do not think they have considered just how much extra parking spaces they will need to create. The park & ride already gets very full very quickly. Where I live, near Garden City football club, residential parking is sometimes taken up by people coming to watch their children play. This is not a great problem, but it will be if there are dozens of fans trying to park their cars in residential areas. I am not convinced that the Controlled Parking Zones can be adequately enforced and they will only cause hassle and irritation to local residents.</p> <p>In summary, we do not want and most importantly we do not need a giant stadium near a beautiful and quiet area of Kidlington.</p>
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