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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

The proposed stadium will have a negative effect on the Kidlington and the surrounding areas. The increase in traffic and proposed closing of the roads on match days can only be seen as a bad thing. Not every one is a football supporter , people still have to travel , public travel still has to run, emergency services still have to have access to the roads. What is being proposed is very selfish and is driven by commercial interest.

The current stadium is served by public transport and with a proposed new passenger rail service that will benefit both locals and supporters alike. Sustainability is often mention in the application , the current stadium is up to the task , if it were not , OUFC would not be allowed to play there . If the present owners of OUFC are able to fund a new stadium at Triangle, Kidlington, they must surely have the funds to buy out the owner of the current stadium and modify it to their standards. Why not build on what is already there? I must add that I am a season ticket holder at OUFC and have been a supporter for over 40 years and I have no desire to see the club dwindle but, the proposed new ground is not the answer.

Ecologically the sighting of the proposed new ground amounts to ecological vandalism, the report from the Ecological Consultant illustrates this areas importance to wildlife, the suggestion that what is proposed mitigates its loss is overstated. Wildlife and habitat loss will not be replaced by a new stadium complex.

I feel that commercial interest is at the heart of this development with little or no thought being given to local residence or other people and services that use the surrounding roads and amenities . Ecological impact will be a negative one . The current stadium is well served and can be updated, why demolish and build new elsewhere when the infrastructure is already in place.

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