

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	Barbara Seymour
Address	Halescroft,14 Mill End,Kidlington,OX5 2EG
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to think those who hold the power of decisions will seriously consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keeping the promise made about 'green belt' once and for all. How often these promises have been betrayed and the countryside gobbled up. Not long into the future, if local development continues at the present pace, we will be one huge conurbation from Faringdon to Birmingham, to Bicester (perhaps even Milton Keynes) and points south.2. The things pledged by OUFC on behalf of the community, if their bid were to be successful, could quite easily be supplied by councils with will, imagination, careful management of resources.3. Adding more concrete, footfall, traffic in Kidlington at The Triangle? The soft natural view that is now unspoiled will be supplanted by all that. Man made nature, as proposed so to make up for the despoliation, is no substitute for natural nature. When I've cycled back from Oxford it was a lovely relief once I passed Jordan Hill. There was the quiet green golf course, the gentle fields of the once-farmland across the road (now being desecrated by greedy builders with planning and government permission, of course - another betrayal of promised green belt protection).4. The area continues to be bombarded with development. Does one have to relocate to experience relief from its ongoing nature? Ridiculous.5. The local economy? Well, there is so much going on in Oxford, Summertown, Langford Lane, Sandy Lane (another without-so-much-as-a-by-your-leave development from us, the tax payers), Airport, Bicester, Woodstock, Witney, Eynsham, etc., it seems a moot point about the contribution to this, particularly if it means giving up more green belt. <p>There are so many more things one could address. However, I 'll finish with the main point of all this: OUFC wants to get out. There appears to be some controversy surrounding whether or not it is truly necessary for removal from Kassam. Without transparency we will feel duped. The club wants a bright, new, shiny toy instead of doing the eco-friendly thing of making the most of - and have we been given the truth here? - the already built and in-place stadium. The materials required, transport of, etc., would probably outweigh for years to come the supposed advantages of any totally electric build.</p> <p>I do hope you will be brave enough to deny this. If only the Councils would put their heads together. Any supposed advantages for both sides could easily be accommodated without the intrusion on the landscape and community of an unsightly (compared to what is and has been in place for centuries) spectacle of a 16,000 (16 thousand!!) seater stadium.</p> <p>Thank you. B. Seymour</p>
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