Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Numbe	r 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	Paul Edwards
Address	36 Stratfield Road, Kidlington, OX5 1DJ
Type of Comment	Objection
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I live on the Garden City Estate less than a mile away from the proposed stadium site. The Triangle and Stratfield Brake are designated Green Belt which was introduced to prevent Oxford and Kidlington being swallowed up in one mass. It requires "very special circumstances" to be allowed to build on Green Belt. OUFC already use a stadium which the owners are prepared to negotiate for them to use, there are no "very special circumstances" involved. OUFC claim that the new stadium will be bio-diverse but it beggars belief that anyone could believe that a lump of concrete is better for the environment than the trees, willow, wild flowers and wildlife that is already there. OUFC claim that a large majority of fans will use public transport but I think everyone is aware that this is nonsense, if the stadium is built most fans will travel by car swamping the area with people trying to park. The park & ride will quickly fill up leaving train users and shoppers unable to park. All the roads around Garden City will be overwhelmed. The idea of closing Oxford Road and Frieze Way at the start and end of a match is not acceptable, I understand OXford Council have already rejected this and they must stick to their guns. Finally, I understand OUFC fans from all over the world have responded to the survey, but they are not going to have to cope with it on a weekly basis, the people who should be listened to are the locals and they have voted 2:1 against the proposal, it's called democracy. I urge you to do the right thing for the environment, the people of Kidlington and for democracy and reject this application. Paul Edwards.
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