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	Andrew Mackintosh	
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Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	There are several reasons why this application should be refused, not least of which is that the football club has not given a coherent argument against the development of its current site, minimising disruption of all kinds and also importantly minimising the embodied carbon of the project - surely a critical concern for a council trying to encourage greener construction. However as a local resident the concerns about overcrowding, pollution and traffic are a primary concern. The rise in car traffic generated by the major house-building planned and now happening north of the city, together with the proposed introduction of the traffic filters on various roads in Oxford, means that those living in Oxford will essentially be 'trapped'. The ring road north of Oxford and the access roads are already so often blocked that this latest proposal will mean that all traffic will completely grind to a halt for hours around match days. The idea that roads should be closed to local traffic on certain days to make way for supporters is outrageous. I hear the arguments for greater use of public transport but if the council cannot even get the bus companies to coordinate with the railway and meet trains arriving at Oxford Parkway then I do not believe that improved public transport will transform traffic congestion. I used to cycle where I can but the potholes and traffic make this too dangerous. Build high-quality (insulated etc) housing and the essential supporting infrastructure if we must, but do not allow a massive non-essential new construction which will be unused much of the time but will cause chaos when it is used.	
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