

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/00539/F
<b>Location</b>	Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington
<b>Proposal</b>	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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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>It is factual that the plan will include massive disruptions to the residents of Kidlington, with dubious-at-best benefits. A major limitation in mobility for residents, who will be effectively crushed into a much stricter bottleneck to go south of the village, is to be imposed. The proposal does an appalling job on providing evidence of the real extent that Kidlington citizens would trade-off their freedom and environment for support of a team that has extremely weak links to the community at large. Random statements such as 'The majority of our fans live within 20 minutes walk, cycle, or on public transport of the new stadium.' are not demonstrated to come from any reliable source and are an insult in its vagueness (that the majority of fans 'can come on public transport' is completely, absurdly vacuous. Isn't this rate 100%, unless they come from outer space? It shows explicitly the disregard about how the community values have been considered). The Fan Travel section of the Sustainability Statement is a joke. I don't need to be a professional statistician (although I am) to claim that the evidence there is biased by design towards the support of this traffic/environmental sinkhole, as opposed to serious evidence gathered to understand the full spectrum of the Kidlington community. So much can be picked apart from this insulting proposal, cluttered with boilerplate inanities such as "The club has an aim that 90% of fans will travel to the Stadium by sustainable modes of travel." If this was serious, the weasel words "the club has an aim" would be substituted by "the club will take such-and-such steps to enforce &gt; 90% use of sustainable models of travel and *will* pay such-and-such penalty fees of X pounds the Kidlington Council as compensation to fail to do so." It is hard to take seriously any claims of impact mitigation when little is at stake to punish those behind this enterprise when they fail to do so, and who very clearly have done nothing to earn our trust. There is zero skin in the game for the proposers of the stadium, and no plan B for the Kidlington citizens that will suffer the consequences of the unfulfilled expectations that I'm certain will come.</p>
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