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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I strongly object to the building of the football stadium in Kidlington for the following reasons:

There will be a significant amount of additional traffic as a result of the football stadium. Kidlington already suffers from heavy traffic congestion on the Oxford Road, particularly when there is an incident on the A34 which is a very regular occurrence. The idea of closing the Oxford Road is ludicrous and will greatly compound the traffic situation and make it impossible for local residents and other residents from north of Kidlington to go about their daily business. The Banbury and Woodstock roads are the most used two major arteries for traffic in and out of Oxford and cannot be closed for any length of time without it resulting in gridlock throughout the entire county, especially if there is also an incident on the A34.

I do not believe that fans attending the games will use the trains and buses. They will, of course, drive. This will impact on parking throughout Kidlington and residents may find it difficult to park at their own properties. If fans do travel by train, Oxford Parkway is too small of a station to cope with thousands of fans all arriving at the same time. This will also impact on local residents who need to use the trains to go about their daily lives. It will also impact tourists coming to visit Oxford as it will have an impact on the park and ride buses at Parkway station.

With planning of hundreds of houses to be built in and around Kidlington, building this stadium will just add insult to injury and create even more traffic chaos and strain on resources when the houses are built and if the stadium is also built. We in Kidlington are already feeling like a dumping ground for Oxford. We are having to soak up more and more of Oxford's overspill without the resources to cope with it.

Building the stadium would cause harm to the green belt. I do not understand why the club has to move from the Kassam stadium. I have not read or heard of one good reason. Surely the most environmentally solution is for the club to stay where they are. That way, further wildlife will not be disturbed/destroyed (e.g. the proposed site is near the nature reserve of Stratfield Brake), more traffic will not happen resulting in lower carbon emissions. Not to mention noise and light pollution! It also seems to me that they are trying to build this stadium, hotel, etc on a very small piece of land. It is surrounded by very busy roads and with few access points.

Presumably the stadium will require more policing. This will have an impact on an already over-stretched police department.

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