

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	Matthew O'Donoghue
Address	6 The Link,,Oxford,OX3 8DU
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I cannot emphasise enough how much a new site for a stadium is needed. Without your help to authorise a new stadium at 'The Triangle', the future of the club will be put at serious risk. I write in support of this application.</p> <p>This is a chance to right the wrongs of the last stadium move and provide a once in a generation facility for both the people of Oxfordshire but most importantly the residents of Cherwell District Council.</p> <p>The use of greenbelt land can be accepted in exceptional circumstances. As a Geography graduate I am fully aware of the value of the greenbelt. I am supporting this development because:</p> <p>It is certain that Oxford United will have to leave the Kassam stadium and that the current landlord is not willing to negotiate.</p> <p>The club took extensive site analysis and the triangle should be looked at in the context that it was previously used as a motocross track and described as "within an area of potentially contaminated land", it is between Oxford Road and Frieze Way and has the A34 close by. The plans show that there will be enhanced biodiversity, protection of the woodland to the south of the site, and making the northern section a green space that is actually accessible to the local community.</p> <p>The club is a hub for the community and is the only professional sports club in the county, with nearly 130 years of history. Please do not put this in jeopardy. The club has shown that its plans meet the objectives set out by the council. The social value cannot be overstated. Football is an important part of people's lives and is extremely important for many people's mental health as well as social and physical wellbeing.</p> <p>The plans submitted are in line with the Cherwell local plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-A sustainable economy- Making sure people have access to open space, health facilities , sport and maximising wellbeing.-Protecting nature and meeting the challenge of climate change <p>There is a natural concern regarding traffic on matchdays and an acceptable travel plan will be in place before the stadium is used. This should be based on expert advice, not political or unsubstantiated speculation.</p> <p>Road closures are employed effectively at many football clubs around the country - if the traffic officers and safety advice group decide this is the most effective way to minimise disruption to Oxford Road and ensure everyone's safety, their advice should be taken. They are the experts after all.</p> <p>Football matches almost exclusively take place outside of peak commuter times and any road closures would not cause a substantial detour for the short time they are in place.. There are already parking restrictions in place so matchdays would not be the dramatic and unacceptable change that some have suggested.</p> <p>I believe the club have been cooperative at every stage of the consultation and planning process and I urge you to support the application.</p>

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