

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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| <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   |
| <b>Case Officer</b>       | Laura Bell  |
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| <b>Type of Comment</b>    | Support   |
| <b>Type</b>               | neighbour   |
| <b>Comments</b>           | <p>GENERAL COMMENTS</p> <p>I am in full support of the proposal to build a new community stadium at the Triangle to serve supporters of Oxford United, the Kidlington community and the wider community of Oxfordshire. The proposal is well designed and offers a unique opportunity for Kidlington and the surrounding area, providing facilities for young and old as well as the obvious benefits to Oxford United as the county's only full-time professional football club - the club with a proud history and a bright future.</p> <p>THE TRAFFIC ISSUE</p> <p>Concerns about crowd and traffic management are to the fore, of course, as with any large development of this kind. I want to take this opportunity to comment.</p> <p>I see this as an issue to be solved rather than an insurmountable problem. Increased use of public transport of all kinds, and carefully planned options and targets, segmenting the football supporter base geographically and planning best options to minimise car use in the immediate stadium environs, will be part of the solution, as will measures to ensure that local residents are affected on match days as little as possible. This is do-able!</p> <p>Recently as secretary of OxVox, the independent Oxford United Supporters Trust, I was involved in conducting a survey open to OUFC supporters in which we investigated their willingness to use public transport to attend matches, or if public transport for their whole journey was infeasible, to leave their cars at designated car parks and use a facility such as a shuttle bus to make the last part of their journey to and from the Triangle.</p> <p>Opposition groups may maintain that despite the excellent public transport links there will be at the Triangle, football fans won't bother to use them and will stay in their cars. The evidence from our small survey suggests otherwise.</p> <p>We asked supporters to tick any number of three options, as follows:</p> <p>When travelling to the Triangle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I pledge to leave the car at home and use public transport</li><li>If it's not possible to use public transport, I pledge to car share to reduce car use</li><li>If I have to use the car, I pledge to park only in designated car parks</li></ul> <p>Of 843 responders, a massive 82% (691) pledged to leave the car at home and use public transport. This is a huge statement of intent to use alternative means of travel to games. If it were to apply to all fans, it indicates that the club's ambitious plan to eventually reach 90% of non-car travel may well be possible. But even among this group, it suggests that hundreds of cars will be left at home, reducing pressure on the local roads and car parks.</p> <p>Additionally, over half (55%) would car share, and 61% would use designated car parks if</p> |

car use were unavoidable. They are willing to minimise car use by sharing, and to avoid disruptive on-street parking.

These results are very reassuring at this stage in the process, before the full range of travel options for the new stadium have been announced. Fans were expressing their view based on current options, and the introduction of more convenient public transport choices, affordability, and awareness will increase willingness to leave the car at home.

THANK YOU

Thank you for reading these comments.

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