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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I will to object strongly to this application on several grounds. First, the proposed site represents one of the last remaining areas of green belt between Kidlington and Oxford. As such, the application must demonstrate very special circumstances which demonstrably it does not. In particular the claim that the club must vacate the Kassam Stadium is untrue. Public statements made by the stadium owner make this clear. Additionally, the claim that the development will bring environmental benefits is farcical. Needlessly demolishing one stadium and constructing another one on green belt can only have negative environmental outcomes. Second, and linked to this, the location of the proposed development is at the confluence of key routes between Kidlington and Oxford. Matchday traffic, and the accompanying road closures, will increase pollution around the side and cause congestion in Kidlington and north Oxford. Third, the impact on the lives of Kidlington residents on matchdays will certainly be negative, with parking issues arising from the arrival of fans in the village (together with the road closures) likely to make moving around the area very difficult. All of this is unnecessary and avoidable if the Football Club, who we all wish to see succeed, stay in their current stadium and make use of the Cowley branch line when it arrives.

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