

# 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
<b>Case Officer</b>	Laura Bell
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Mr and Mrs Hepworth
<b>Address</b>	19 Chorefields,Kidlington,OX5 1SX
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>We wish to object on the following grounds:</p> <p>Infrastructure and Transport.</p> <p>Losing the bus lane to make the pavement 2 person wide will cause catastrophic delays for people going to and from work/education for 9am Monday to Fridays, with potential loss of employment for those needing to travel south of Kidlington. These proposed roadworks would necessitate closing the Oxford Road for weeks, probably months to complete. If this work was decided against, the pavement would remain only wide enough for 1 person. Either one person or two person pavements will be hazardous and impossible to allow 16000 people to only walk single file or two abreast to and from Oxford parkway. Creating bottlenecked queues next to a 40mph road. It will take hours and will be especially unsafe when fans are inebriated after a match when people will likely walk down into the road.</p> <p>In addition, the pedestrian traffic plans are woefully inadequate. The majority of fans will come by car due to rising costs of train fare and complexity and length of journeys; via trains changing at Oxford or London. When travelling by car, the park and rides will not be sufficient: 750 at Oxford Parkway; 1000 at Peartree; 1300 at Thornhill and 1400 at Redbridge = 4450. That is without people using them to travel into Oxford for shopping or visiting people. Fans will need to factor in time and queues for shuttle buses. The buses will then queue to get to the bus stops with no bus gates along the Oxford Road to drop off. It is going to cause traffic chaos. Not to mention the cars that are not accommodated in the P &amp; Rs, which will be abandoned around the neighbourhoods of Kidlington. This will require officers policing the parking even with any permit holder scheme. It is likely to cause chaos for residents trying to leave or arrive back at their homes. This is already a problem around the area of Kassam which has a capacity of 12000.</p> <p>Parking, park and ride with shuttle buses and onsite facilities</p> <p>The proposed site is for 78 regular and 104 Disabled parking spaces. With 'one' narrow pedestrian route for people coming via public transport.</p> <p>If the hotel is 180 beds, it will host around 250-300. Where will these patrons and the hotel staff park? If the conference facilities host up to 1000 people and a restaurant, gym, clinic where will all these attendees park?</p> <p>The Frieze Way crossing</p> <p>The Frieze Way crossing location is also not practical and is very dangerous. Why are there plans to place a pedestrian crossing with traffic lights on a 70mph road? This is only going to cause more traffic delays and chaos, and will likely be hazardous for both pedestrians and drivers. Why not install an underpass or a wide pedestrian bridge?</p> <p>Finally, the local views:</p> <p>Many of the locals do not want the stadium for many different reasons and have already stated this in the Kidlington Parish Council held poll. Will residents be able to go out in their</p>

neighbourhood and beyond on match days? Many have stated they will avoid the area and are worried about feeling confined to their homes due to traffic or antisocial behaviour. Local residents who have expressed their concerns and objection to the relocation and building of the stadium, have already also been repeatedly harassed by Oxford United supporters on online forums and elsewhere. Many believe this proposed site is not big enough to accommodate the stadium and all the necessary services and parking facilities. It is not in the right location due to the impact of traffic and on the existing infrastructure in and around Kidlington. Both the impact of pedestrians and traffic would cause gridlocks or road closures that were previously proposed. Many of the residents do not speak up due to fears of harassment, or because they do not know how. It is also very difficult for many other people to wade through the numerous documents to find figures and details that are important.

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