## 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

Support

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

As a supporter of Oxford United and a staff member of Oxford United in the Community the official charity of the Football Club, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed development of the Oxford United Stadium in Kidlington.

Without this development, Oxford United could face homelessness by 2026. As a vital part of our community, it is imperative that the necessary steps are taken to secure the future of our beloved football club. The work that is undertaken by Oxford United in the Community is imperative to the whole of Oxfordshire as we support all ages by using the power of Football. Over the years we have supported the development of boys and girls with their Football development and helped to support Grassroots teams across the county. We have had programmes running supporting refugees and asylum seekers, tackling loneliness programme where we supported many elderly residents throughout the pandemic and beyond, we run School programmes where we support with Football clubs, PE support, Maths and English too. We have supported with fit fans tackling obesity, National Citizens service programme for all teens 16-19 to support steps into work. PL Kicks which is helping to support all children ages from 8-18 years old who may at risk of anti social behaviour. There is many more things that Oxford United in the Community have done, and without securing the future of the Football Club, this poses a great risk to the potential loss of all this fantastic support and resource that we currently provide across the county.

Therefore, I urge you, as a council, to sign the Heads of Terms and the lease option agreement. By doing so, you can facilitate the next stages of Oxford United securing a permanent home where it can thrive for generations to come.

Your support in this matter is crucial, and I encourage you to represent the interests of the community by backing the Oxford United Stadium development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards, Alex Blane

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**Attachments**