

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
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Address	36 Wickhams Wharf, Viaduct Road, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 9PT
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am sure this is one of hundreds of submissions that you will receive in relation to Oxford United's hopes to relocate to the recommended 'Triangle' site.</p> <p>When composing this submission I have been reflecting on my reasonings for wanting to send this submissions and my views and thoughts regarding the potential move of the club. Apart from all of the reasons that are known to yourselves in relation to community benefits regarding new jobs, improved sport facilities to the local community, growth of businesses, economic growth to the local area and having a community asset within the village of Kidlington. There are also several concerns; which in my view the club have addressed well within their reports and information sharing. Relating to car parking, travel, sustainability, environmental impact and several other concerns.</p> <p>My personal story is that I have been an Oxford United fan since the age of 8 years old. Prior to this I was a Chelsea fan, following my school friends who also supported a 'Premier League Team'. I went to my first Oxford game following an offer for 1 kids tickets which was given to my local football club Garden City FC. I remember the game well sitting in the Kassam Stadium being amazed that 1000's of fans could sing/chant in unison of supporting there local team to win the match. Throughout the years my love and support for my local team has not changed. I have been a season ticket holder for several years while I lived in the Kidlington. I am currently a resident in Easy Hertfordshire, moving for work reasons, which has made my commitment to supporting my team harder, however I still attempt to attend as many games as I can and have attended 15 games this season.</p> <p>I love the Stratfield Brake site and Kidlington. I remember using the facilities throughout my time at West-Kidlington Primary School and then Gosford Hill School. Playing cricket, doing athletics days on the site have been found memories. Recently when returning home for the Christmas period I enjoyed walking around the woodlands at the back of the Stratfield site and taking in the wildlife being fortunate enough to see a young doe. Witnessing the wildlife did make me reflect on the current proposals made by the club, as well as the impact it could have on the local community. Witnessing the young doe allowed me to reflect on the loss of nature/wildlife that could potentially happen to the local area due to the noise pollution causing disruption to the local wildlife. However, the club have set out that they will attempt to reduce the impact onto local wildlife as much as possible, as well as improving the connections/pathways around the Stratfield Brake site and Kidlington area.</p> <p>In my view the Kidlington is becoming outdated and does need some new funds to regenerate it and ensure that it is still meeting the needs of the local community. Funds which the local community may not have resources to share due to the current climate and years of austerity.</p> <p>Having a stadium which is integrated within the local community will encourage a generation of future supporters. As stated, most of my friends/peers while at school supported local teams due to being less invested in the football being played. This means that they're now travelling into London, Manchester and up and down the country spending money in</p>

communities within the team they support. If Oxford United are able to build a stadium within the local community, with good transport options to local amenities, my view is that this will encourage a new generation of Oxford United supporters to support there local team, meaning funds will be invested into the local area.

Thank you for spending the time reading this submission. am a strong pro supporter of the Oxford United Stratfield Brake site and hope that this will be considered.

Best wishes,

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Oxford United Fan

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