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

Steven Daggitt

Address

52 Church Street, Kidlington, OX5 2BB

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I wish to object to the plan to construct a stadium and hotel on this site. This is Green Belt land, much of which in other areas around Kidlington will be given up for housing in the coming years. No more should therefore be sacrificed simply for an an unnecessary new football stadium. Planning law states that to build on the Green Belt requires very special circumstances. The provision of a football stadium for a club which already has a stadium is not a very special circumstance.

In addition to the loss of Green Belt the development will cause immense traffic and parking problems. Oxford United's projections showing a high percentage of fans coming by public transport are grossly optimistic - the way that fans travel is beyond their control and most fans will continue to take the most convenient and cheapest option - car. The roads in the vicinity of the stadium are important arteries for traffic between north Oxfordshire and the city of Oxford and will suffer greatly increased pollution and congestion.

The construction of an unnecessary new stadium is a also a waste of resources and a huge source of carbon emissions.

Please listen to the majority opinion of local people rather than to that of Oxford United fans from outside the Kidlington area. For the fans it would not matter where in the Oxford area the stadium is. A poll by Kidlington Parish Council resulted in 69% of respondents voting against the proposal to build a stadium here.

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