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	David thornton
Address	38 woodley close Abingdon
Type of Comment	Comment
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I'm the 4th generation in my family to support Oxford United, the link started when my great grandfather captained headington united and played in the first ever game on the new manor ground as headington became Oxford United. The link to our local club has passed down to my grandfather and father attending games at the manor, with my father attending his last ever game at the Kassam via an ambulance from sobel house in his last days. My daughter is also now a 5th generation season ticket holder and my son attending his first games this season. The thought of a near 100 year connection to the club dying out in a couple of years makes me feel extremely sad. But the football club is so much more than just a link to the people who regularly attend. It's a source of income to those employed, it's a revenue generator to the local economy, and it's far reaching community work through the club it's self and its charity far out weigh any of that. 10's of thousands of peoples lives are made better each year through having a professional football club. Oxfordshire is also one of the most affluent counties, with some of the worse sporting facilities. The club isn't looking to build a pre fab box, but a state of the art, carbon neutral venue that will be up there with the best in the country. The arguments against are based on preconceptions of football hooligans, poor traffic management and scaremongering. Please look at the bigger picture, it really is so much more than "just football" don't let certain mp's, local councillors and nimby residents who all have personal vendetta's or self interest have a say in what is a once in a generation chance to improve Oxfordshire, and its residents lives !
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