

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Tara Prayag"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="88 Water Eaton Lane,Gosford,Kidlington,OX5 2PR"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>Dear Planners</p> <p>I would like to object to the proposal for a football stadium Application Number: 24/00539/F. There many reasons why I object to this plan but have tried to focus on one or two key areas.</p> <p>However, I DO support the findings of Friends of Stratfield Brake who have put in considerable effort to prove the failures of the plans. Moreover, they have done this in spite of the aggression from Oxford United Football Club's (OUFC) fans and have had to hide their identity. This is BEFORE they have access to this small community and confirm many of our worst fears and concerns. I hope that measures are in place to protect the identity of those of us that are objecting so that we are not also subject to the same level of aggressive bullying and harassment.</p> <p>I am extremely concerned about a number of matters:</p> <p>Environmental Pollution (including excess traffic, noise, parking, litter) in a nature conservation/green belt area. In addition this community is growing and thousands of houses are planned in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Site PR6a: Land East of Oxford RoadSite PR6b: Land West of Oxford Road, andSite PR7a: Land South East of Kidlington. <p>Why would you put an 16,000-capacity stadium right in the middle of several new housing estates? Along with us they will be subject to fans of football (and/or event attendees). Freeparkingspots.co.uk is a website that specifically tells football fans where to park for free - notably along residential roads. How long before all of our roads are covered in parked cars (why pay fees when you can park for free!) and the aforementioned aggressiveness of the fans?</p> <p>A quick search of the internet and local newspapers of other 'stadium' towns (not even villages) also paints a picture of forced road closures ahead of/after matches and traffic chaos in areas where football is planned (and/or events).</p> <p>Oxford City Council's Water Eaton Park and Ride has capacity for approximately 758 spaces (far short of the 16,000-capacity stadium). The new stadium will quickly outgrow the parking facilities of the local area and more parking will need to be found which will require building on more green space.</p> <p>This will all have a negative impact on local families (with pollution levels already high at the Miller and Carter crossroads), the local wildlife and biodiversity. Dr Judith Webb, an independent ecological consultant, has identified the planned stadium area as Ancient Woodland with a complex biodiversity. The OUFC planning has woefully overlooked an in-depth review of the area and the impact their monstrosity will have.</p>

From a nature conservation perspective, it also seem ludicrous to build a stadium of this magnitude when one already exists. Whilst OUFC have said they have tried to negotiate on the current Kassam Stadium there is little evidence of this beyond 'lease expires'. There is no coverage of any comments from the current stadium owners. This subject has been woefully neglected (deliberately ignored) and should be investigated before any other site in Oxfordshire is investigated. A lease expiring is not a good enough reason to put such a blight onto greenbelt (and heavily residential) land.

In conclusion. This planning application does not enhance my community. It will destroy it. The village of Kidlington, surrounding villages and hamlets will be utterly destroyed by this blot on the landscape and it will fundamentally change these communities who already have access to excellent sporting and recreational facilities.

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