

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="Eleanor Dix"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="65 Lock Crescent, Kidlington, OX5 1HF"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I live in the south of Kidlington, and I object to the new stadium plan.

Firstly, I object on environmental grounds. There is a huge amount of embodied carbon in the current stadium. Firoz Kassam said that Oxford United have not pursued talks about keeping the current stadium. At a time when RIBA are changing direction to championing re-use of buildings instead of constant demolition and re-building, building a new stadium that is not actually required is totally out of the step with what we should be doing. In addition, it goes against the council's own declaration of a climate emergency. This declaration would be totally meaningless if this stadium project is approved.

My second point on the environment is that all of the green belt between Oxford and Kidlington is already earmarked for housing. To concrete over the last remaining triangle of greenery will push wildlife out even more, and greatly increase solar gain from the sun. It's also not acceptable that the green belt designation is being ignored in this way - there is not enough justification for the proposal, even less so than for housing. It also does not respect the separate character of Kidlington as a village.

Lastly, as a local resident, I object to the club's request to close Banbury Road on match days. This is the main road north from Oxford, and vital for everyone living round here. I also anticipate significant issues with parking on match days, as the club's projection of 90% of fans travelling by public transport is totally unrealistic."/>
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