

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/00539/F
<b>Location</b>	Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington
<b>Proposal</b>	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
<b>Case Officer</b>	Laura Bell
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	Doug Walker 19B Highmore Street, Hereford
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>The club has been in my blood since I was 11, (now 75), and I cannot see it die when there is a fantastic opportunity for a sustainable eco friendly stadium being proposed which will undoubtedly bring benefits to the surrounding area, including financial support for local sports and other ventures. The proposed location is that close to a train station and supported by park and ride venues which will reduce traffic. I come from Hereford now and if possible I will catch a train, if not I will use park and ride. Whichever way you look at it, the financial and ecological benefits to the new stadium and surrounding area will be a boost to Oxfordshire. The ground will be built with eco friendly materials and blend in with the area. Flood risk will be reduced and the benefits of this alone cannot be underestimated in a world suffering climate change. The new ground will not be a concrete monstrosity, the plans show how much careful thought has gone into making it work for all. It will be a community asset that the local population can benefit from, at no detriment to any residents. If approved, we will have a stadium that others may well be envious of because of how it was planned, materials used for building it, the positive impact on the landscape, trees and nature overall. Traffic congestion will be reduced because fans will no be driving to a couple of stadium car parks, if driving at all, they will drive to park and ride places and bus it to the stadium. I know of many fans who instead of driving, will catch a train. The parking provisions are already in place i. e. park and ride, the train station is there, everything is in place for a fantastic new venture for the club and Oxfordshire. The approval of the stadium will provide for jobs locally, improving the economy of the area. It is my understanding that everything accords with government and local policy and must surely be given the required permission. To refuse permission would not only sound the death bell for the Club, not a planning issue I know, but the economic and community benefits that would be lost are incalculable in my humble opinion. Please approve this application.</p>
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