

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<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"/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>
<b>Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Matt Oliver"/>
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<input type="text" value="I am in complete support of the application for the new Oxford United Stadium. As Oxfordshire's only professional sports team they carry a history and heritage that is vital to the identity of the county. Not only that the club carries a significant amount of weight in the community support it delivers in schools, hospitals and wider life within Oxfordshire.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;To put that at risk by not approving the planning permission of this stadium would not only be short sighted in stopping Oxfordshire having world class sporting facilities but also destroy the only professional sports team in the county. Without this stadium the very future of Oxford United is at risk. Given the recent successes of the club (and hopefully more to come) various district authorities came out in support of the club, all the way up to county council level. It would be very hypocritical to now not support this application in the clubs hour of need.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Transport is always an issue with any football club with many looking to public transport to address these issues. Oxford United is doing the same as other clubs like Brentford, Brighton and others who are leaning on the use of public transport to get to games. This application would be no different with trains, bus services and even walking to the stadium.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;The final point is around fan behaviour. Football fans have an unfair reputation for causing issues in and around the stadiums nationally. According to Government statistics, in 2022/23 there were 13 arrests of Oxford United fans, only one of which was for violent disorder. Over the course of that season, over 193,000 fans came through the turnstiles, so the proportion of arrests was tiny. So this thought of football fans destroying the area, fighting and more is purely scaremongering from a very particular group who don't even live in the area.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;In short, Oxford United need this stadium, the fans need it, Oxfordshire needs it. Anything else would be chronically short-sighted."/>
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<b>Attachments</b>	