

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=""/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Peter Hainsworth"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="12 Hayward Road,Oxford OX2 8LW"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="The new football stadium at the Triangle will cause disastrous problems with traffic. The road between Oxford and Kidlington is already inadequate to deal with rush-hour traffic satisfactorily and is regularly extremely busy at other times, not least at weekends _when presumably most matches would be played. The new developments (Oxford North) already underway will increase the amount of traffic steadily over the next few years. A football stadium with all its attendees from outside Oxford and from within the city will almost certainly lead to frequent gridlock. The proposal to close Oxford Road on match days for half-an-hour just before and just after games is a ludicrous non-solution which will make travel for anyone leaving for the north from Oxford or coming back into the city almost impossible at those times and no doubt for long periods before and after. There is no serious idea of significantly widening roads or building new ones, for obvious good reasons. And it is absurd to think that increased cycle provision will make a significant difference to the number of people arriving by car or coach to watch the games.

There are of course also the major disruptions that will be created during the construction of the new stadium and all the other buildings and the associated relandscaping that is envisaged. Construction will without doubt take several years and disrupt the lives of people living in North Oxford, Kidlington and beyond in a very significant way.

So far as I can see there is no good reason why OUFC should not continue with its current stadium. Selling it may suit its owners, but the move will not benefit the city. The costs involved for the city will be large and the resources expended should surely be devoted to other currently hard-pressed and underfunded services in the city, ranging from crucial concerns of health and education to relatively simple matters of road-maintenance."/>
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