Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number | 24/00539/F

Location

Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington

Proposal

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

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Organisation

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I object to the building of the stadium on the triangle, an important natural habitat and part of Oxford's Green Belt.

I grew up in the Kidlington area and have fond memories of Stratford Brake. While I expect (and welcome) changes to the area over the course of my lifetime, the stadium is a badly planned proposal with little consideration for local residents and wildlife.

Wildlife will be lost forever and cause irreparable damage to the local ecosystem, disturbing not only the immediate site, but other areas in the vicinity.

There has been a lack of consideration for transport, impacting both locals and spectators. As someone who frequently visits Oxford, and the Kidlington area specifically, from London I can personally attest to the dire state of public transport around Oxford. If travelling from the capital is not straightforward, how canyou expect spectators from other parts of the country to use public transport - they will be forced to drive based on current public transport options.

Furthermore, the current parking provision in the plan is not adequate for the volume of traffic to be expected on match days. Moreover, the current roads are not designed to handle large influxes of road traffic and closing arterial roads is not a workable solution, nor is it in the residents interests - emergency vehicles would struggle to get through and would put lives at risk.

Overall, the council needs to review the plans with greater consideration for wildlife and residents. The arbitrary deadline of 2026 should be lifted to allow for better planning and resident consultation.

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