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

Laura Bell

Organisation

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I am writing to express my views as to the totally inappropriate siting of the OUFC stadium at the Triangle land south of Kidlington. It would be a major and continuing problem to the many - and increasing- numbers of commuters to Oxford who need access to the city for work, health and welfare needs on a daily basis. The increase in traffic on match days - and of course other times when it will no doubt be used as a venue for other events as most stadium in the uk are - concerts, exhibitions conferences etc will be detrimental to residents of Kidlington and the surrounding areas. Increased traffic and light pollution and of course the sad loss of increasing amounts of green areas. Despite the affirmations of eco credentials it cannot be denied that building arenas of this size with concrete and stone, tarmac and hard areas has costs to the environment that leaving a parcel of land for willow harvesting has not.

Despite the proximity of Oxford parkway Station many of the supporters of OUFC and their visiting teams and supporters will inevitably arrive in private cars leaving the surrounding residential areas vulnerable to a huge increase due to total lack of parking on or near the site - there is barely enough for the staff that will be working there with a hotel on site too for any other parking to be available.

The triangle site is just too small for the proposal - leading to the inevitable expansion to adjacent green sites to alleviate the problems. The owners in the longer term will 'suddenly' realise the stadium size is not fit for purpose leaving local people with an industrial site on their door steps which will be turned over to another use whilst OUFC start looking again for another green field site to build an even bigger stadium complex.

This is all about business using the emotive subject of football for money. I feel it is being used to force the issue without due respect and recognition to the residents of Kidlington and the negative impact it will have to the surrounding area. I respectfully ask the council to refuse planning for this project.

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Attachments