

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 Name	
Name	Diane Newsham
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Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I wholeheartedly support the application to build a world class stadium for Oxford United, local sport and the wider community on the piece of land known as the Triangle.</p> <p>The site is, at present, unused and unloved but is in an ideal position for a venue such as this, as it is within walking distance from the nearest train station and park and ride. It is close to several major roads running around Oxford meaning easy access for those unable to use public transport and with the bonus of the park and ride close by to the stadium.</p> <p>Oxford United is part of the fabric of Oxfordshire and plays a huge part in the lives of many residents. The Club is in desperate need of a new permanent home where they can grow and prosper into a Championship club that the whole county can be proud of.</p> <p>The facilities that are included in the plans are exciting for all residents of the county, not just football fans, as Oxfordshire lacks any sort of venue of this nature. The stadium will provide both jobs and income for both the club and the local economy. The club has invested heavily in producing plans and consultations to ensure that the stadium will be state of the art and environmentally sustainable. The club has also encouraged all fans to pledge that, wherever and whenever possible, they will use public transport to travel to all games to ensure that traffic does not adversely impact on Kidlington residents.</p> <p>This planning application will define the future of Oxford United - without a new stadium by 2026 the club will be homeless and will ultimately go out of business, something that would be tragic for the club and the residents of Oxfordshire and beyond. Oxford United are the only Football League team in the county and, as such, both residents and councils should be doing all they can to help and support the preservation of the football club.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council have recognised the importance of this situation and have granted the club a lease for the land at the Triangle. I therefore urge Cherwell District Council to recognise the opportunity that they have to be part of an exciting project that will benefit both Oxford United and the local community.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Diane Newsham</p>
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