Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Name

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I object to the planning application.

It will lead to significant loss of green space and biodiversity. This site will be the last remaining area of green space between the Oxford City boundary and Kidlington due to the extensive housing developments planned from Cutteslowe to Water Eaton, including the site of the golf course. This whole area is within the Oxford green belt and should therefore only be developed in exceptional circumstances. One of the principal purposes of green belt is to prevent urban sprawl and loss of this site will effectively join Kidlington to Oxford. The site itself has considerable biodiversity as demonstrated by the ecology study undertaken by FoSB https://www.friendsofstratfieldbrake.org/2024/03/23/biodiversityreports/. There is simply no realistic means of preserving this ecology at this location should the stadium be built.

The transport and safety implications of the proposed stadium. Match day traffic, and traffic related to other major events to be held at the stadium will significantly impact the surrounding areas. It is likely that residential areas around the stadium in Kidlington, Cutteslowe and Summertown will be used for parking. The proposals to close the major roads bordering the site and including access to Parkway Station are currently subject to refusal by the County Highways, and the proposal to build a bridge between the site and the station remains uncertain. The available traffic calculation model has been demonstrated as flawed and has been rejected, and there is currently no revised model or further data available. Until this information is publicly available the application should not be considered, and the closing date should be deferred pending further traffic information.

Thames Valley Police has identified a number of safety issues with managing access of large football fans to the site.

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