

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<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"/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Adam Sparrowhawk"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="25 Rymers Lane,Oxford,OX4 3JU"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<input type="text" value="I am writing in support of the new stadium proposal from Oxford United football club.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;There are so many socio-economic benefits to this proposal that vastly outweigh any potential disbenefits. The club has already put together a comprehensive set of documents so I won't cover the same ground, but this club is so much more than a financial entity. It has a rich history, a loyal and passionate fanbase, and tradition of investment in the community. It's more than just watching football, it's a sense of belonging, a family, emotion. Similarly this stadium is more than just the construction of a building, this is about a home, about writing another chapter in our history, about creating memories for further generations, and bringing success to the county.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;The only potential factor of any validity that I could sympathise with is that of additional matchday traffic, but I cannot see how you could find a site close to Oxford with better public transport links than the proposed site offers. There are hundreds of football clubs across the country who manage in far denser urban areas to manage far greater match day traffic, the solutions already exist. To insist that Oxford United must comply with the aspiration of having no impact whatsoever on transport infrastructure feels like we are being judged far more harshly than our peers. The proximity of the Park and Ride sites, Oxford Parkway station, and the excellent bus service to Oxford City centre, means public transport will be the method of transport for the vast majority. We have also managed to cross the road between the leisure complex and the stadium at the current site since we have been there with no accident I can ever recall, the suggestion that football fans can't obey traffic signals is frankly quite insulting.&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;The fact is the club will cease to have a home in the summer of 2026 as things stand, and it is no exaggeration to say that is an existential threat to it's survival. If the worst were to happen due to the intransigence of the parties involved in approving the our new home, it would be nothing less than a tragedy. Part of Oxfordshire's rich tapestry would be lost forever."/>
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<b>Attachments</b>	