

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/00539/F
<b>Location</b>	Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington
<b>Proposal</b>	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>	Laura Bell
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Amber Heaton
<b>Address</b>	30 Croxford Gardens, Kidlington, OX5 1XB
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I object to the building of the OUFC stadium on the triangle green belt reserve. My main objection is on the grounds of traffic and parking concerns. Originally it was theorised that there would be no parking and instead people would be asked to use public transport to reach the stadium however later plans include a car park. Not only is this not environmentally friendly, it poses a huge risk of congestion and traffic in Kidlington and the surrounding villages. I also fear that kidlington roundabout will be insufficient at mitigating this risk. Furthermore, there have been speculations of a bridge for pedestrian use to access the stadium, having attended many events in stadiums before, my concern would be how you will ensure people use the bridge. It is all well and good putting the infrastructure in place, but without it being enforced I am worried that people will walk in the roads, posing a risk to themselves and to other road users.</p> <p>Separately, I am also concerned about the antisocial behaviour that is synonymous with football fan culture and how this will affect a relatively peaceful village which boasts a large population of young families. In total 13 arrests were made in the 2022/2023 season, up 8 from the previous season. This is a concerning figure which implies a pattern of drastic increase in antisocial behaviour which is inappropriate for an area so densely populated with families.</p> <p>Finally, I believed the erection of a stadium on the green belt land will be at detriment to the environment. The triangle boasts a dynamic ecosystem that is home to hundreds of plants, trees, bugs and animals. In building a stadium here, these ecosystems will be unfairly displaced and I fear this could affect local bee populations which are also essential for pollinating crops. This will directly affect the food chain and the work of farmers.</p> <p>For the reasons above, I firmly object against the planning application.</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	