

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<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"/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Mark"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="5 Ash Close, Kidlington, OX5 1ER"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>This application like many around the city take no account of the lives of the people around them, and as with every development there is no significant changes to the existing infrastructure.</p> <p>Thousands of houses are built, whilst the road network and community infrastructure remain the same and struggle. Forcing more vehicles onto the same road network and more people onto the existing services, that are already overcrowded and subscribed. The planning system appears completely flawed.</p> <p>This application has lacked clarity of the wider issues since it was conceived.</p> <p>Oxford United have consistently been allowed to be misleading throughout the process. They often report that they are homeless, and this development is their only lifeline. Yet they are only homeless as they cancelled their existing lease. They insist that the majority of supporters will travel by local transport. Which again, is deceiving as still many thousands will travel by car.</p> <p>They have separated the road closure, and parking from the current application. Both of which are imperative points for villagers. How can you possibly agree to a development on this scale without this important information.</p> <p>Kidlington is a village, currently struggling not to be consumed by the city Oxford. With thousands of houses about to be built in almost every surrounding field. The impact of these developments will themselves be huge.</p> <p>Every family typically has two cars. The existing road network can't even handle the current level of cars at peak times let alone further increases.</p> <p>You can guarantee to queue between the kidlington and the cutteslowe roundabout every morning, and every evening. Get stuck behind a bus, and a row of 10-15 cars will quickly begin often more.</p> <p>This is the same road, where a football stadium is to be built, and up to 16,000 fans are to congregate week in and week out.</p> <p>Building the football stadium at this location will effectively cut the people of Kidlington from Oxford during match days.</p> <p>It will also disrupt the A34 as the Pear Tree junction will not be able to handle the volume of traffic.</p> <p>Parking is a key issue that is yet to be properly defined. The football club appear to be proposing to hijack park and ride sites for their use. If the car park is full, how can people use these essential services? The park and ride car park is there to relieve parking in the city. The train station a facility for everybody, not just football fans. Yet, people will not be</p>

able these facilities as access on match days will be so restricted.

The football club is yet to even engaged with the local community regarding the parking provision within the village. Garden city the local estate was built within the 70's and therefore provision on most driveways was for a single vehicle. The older estates have shared driveways. This has forced cars to already park on the road. Can we therefore expect every other space now to be occupied by a football fan.

You only have to observe the start and end of the day in the streets around West Kidlington Primary School to see what that will be like. But far worse.

The field where the stadium is to be built has widely been defined as a 'scrubland'. A 'scrubland' that is essential to Kidlington keeping its identity as a village and not a metropolis of estate after estate of housing that the impending changes will create. An unfarmed scrubland (which is rare) that is also home to an array of animals and birds.

This whole process has caused locals to feel their voices haven't been fairly heard, due to the louder voices from Oxford United fans. Even when a poll was taken, our opinions seemed to be irrelevant. At council meetings fans sat in the wrong seats and disrupted votes.

Whilst I believe that this decision is now a political one, and one that has already been made. The location as we know was strategically chosen as it was outside of the villages jurisdiction. Making it therefore difficult for those most affected to be heard. How can anybody describe this process as fair.

The estates to the south of the village are mostly older people, who have no access to a computer and therefore can't even fill in this application.

I hope that somebody within the planning department has the guts to join up all these factors, and stand up for the principle that it's the right stadium, in the wrong location.

There are plenty more fields that run next further up the railway track that are more suitable with a more significant plan for the city featuring new access roads, stations, and proper infrastructure.

Within this location the impending traffic nightmare might even have the reverse effect an actually put people off attending, than saving the club. We all want the club to prosper for the community, but at the detriment of the people around this site and the wider village just isn't fair.

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