## 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

Proposal

Frection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities a

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

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Type of Comment Objection

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It is hard to imagine how any one could consider this site and the surrounding infrastructure suitable for the number of people expected to visit the site on a regular basis. The site is too

small to be practical or, more importantly, safe.

The surrounding roads are not suitable and regardless of whether the Oxford road is closed or not, or whether there is a foot bridge over the road from the station or how many cycle spaces they propose, the roads will still be heavily congested on event days. This will make access from Kidlington to Oxford or vice versa near impossible. The idea that the stadium would financially benefit Kidlington or Oxford town centres seems implausible when people are more likely to avoid travel and shop online.

On the face of it, the close proximity of the station seems ideal however the station is not designed for such numbers and two major roads need to be crossed. Similarly with the park and ride, it was not built to be parking for a stadium and suffers again from being separated from the site by two main roads. This is clearly not a safe arrangement and much more significant infrastructure than proposed would be required to make it so.

The proposed site is also green belt land and is some of the last green belt land between Oxford and Kidlington. The requirement of very special circumstances is not even close to being met. I would love to see OFC find a new home but the proposed location is totally unsuitable on all levels.

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