

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="Angus Bridges"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="3 Hazel Crescent, Kidlington, OX5 1EG"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I object to the proposed construction of a football stadium on the land known as The Triangle, Kidlington, for the for the following main reasons:

This site is a part of the remaining Green Belt land separating Kidlington village from Oxford city. With the other planned developments at the Oxford Golf Course, around the Water Eaton Park and Ride land, and land south of Sainsbury's in Kidlington this area of Green Belt will be swamped and so lost to the local communities in Kidlington, Jordan Hill, Cutteslowe and further afield. This does not constitute a 'special circumstance' to justify losing Green Belt.

The Triangle covers a very biodiverse site, known to be occupied by a wide range of both common and rare species of mammals, reptiles and plants. These will be displaced or destroyed if the major part of the area is developed for building.

The site is simply too small for a development of this size, being enclosed by busy roads on two sides and a ribbon of valuable ancient woodland on the third side. Access on arrival and departure will be extremely difficult for the thousands of people expected to attend on match days. The plans do not appear to plan for rapid evacuation in the event of a major incident such as fire or terrorist activity. The proposed road closures are totally unacceptable, and would cause massive disruption to residents in the areas mentioned above. The resultant impact on traffic congestion will be felt on a wide area including all major roads in the area - A34, A44, A40 and M40 to specify a few - which already regularly experience congestion.

Projections of vehicular parking seem inadequate. The inevitable arrival of stadium visitors by car and coach will result in the Park and Ride sites at Water Eaton and Peartree being inundated on event days, as well as a high level of parking on residential roads in Kidlington, Jordan Hill and Cutteslowe.

Suggestions of alternative sites for a stadium appear to have been rejected out of hand, with no explanation. Also I am not convinced that all avenues have been explored for retention of the existing Kassam stadium site by negotiation with its current landlords. To remain in and upgrade the existing site would greatly reduce the amount of investment capital required, and the amount of carbon consumed, by the development of a new stadium from scratch."/>
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