

# 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>	
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Please see attached my email to the councillors of Cherwell:</p> <p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>I am emailing today to express my support for the building of a new home for Oxford United, our county's only professional football team, representing Oxfordshire nationally and globally.</p> <p>The Kassam stadium is not owned by the club, as I'm sure you all know. This fact has held Oxford United back for many years, the club cannot generate matchday revenue from the selling of food or drink in the stadium and the club has to pay a large sum of money for the pleasure of using a 3/4 completed ground. This state of affairs holds Oxford United back, and if this state of affairs is not rectified by the building of a new ground owned by Oxford United, the club could very well go out of existence and at the very least will not be able to deliver high level football, which is something deserved by the people of Oxford.</p> <p>Oxford United is an important aspect of our county's community, not just for the provision of entertainment, which it does for thousands on a weekly basis, but also for the charity work done by Oxford United in the Community, which provides the opportunity for young people to play football and get/stay healthy through exercise and sport. But even more than that Oxford United brings us as a community together, the fanbase of Oxford United is made up of thousands of people from different backgrounds, coming together in a positive way, and this is something which should be highly valued in a divided world.</p> <p>Specifically on a new stadium, I believe this should be seen as an opportunity for the local area. Building a new stadium is no simple matter, it will involve builders, electricians, plumbers, architects, engineers and so on, a massive amount of work and money, but that is also the opportunity, the opportunity for contracts for local builders, local electricians, local plumbers and so on, the boost to these industries locally is a huge opportunity that shouldn't be wasted. And the stadium will continue to provide local employment and local economic benefit long after its built.</p> <p>It is my opinion, and the opinion of thousands of likeminded people, that a vote against a new stadium is a vote against Oxford United and a vote against the people of Oxfordshire. We also believe that the stadium will be a public benefit as Oxford United has been for 131 years since the days that it was Headington.</p> <p>Boost our economy and please, back our football team.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Zak Jaggs</p>
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## Attachments