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 Road Kidlington

Proposal

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

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Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I am against the proposals in principle. It's important that those in opposition to the proposals are listened to and their views are taken seriously and addressed. My objections basically mirror those already given by other(s), mainly Kidlington residents like myself. I have nothing against OUFC having a new stadium as long as it's not in Kidlington and The triangle. It is the wrong site and size for a football stadium and it's inevitable negative effect on the local community will be extensive.

I have commented before on the early information provided by OUFC - my concerns remain the same now a formal application has been lodged, namely:-

- 1. The building within the green belt, swallowing up of the Green
- Gap/Barrier between the village of Kidlington and Oxford city and adversely affecting the local natural habitat and it's diversity.
- 2. The inevitable disruption which will be caused to the local traffic and transport systems - already an issue within (the now termed) North Oxford Corridor and already overloaded A34 along with it's egress into the locals of Kidlington, North Oxford and Woodstock. This and the totally unacceptable proposed road closures/diversions planned for match days which will affect the important access for the emergency services and cause gridlock to our local area.
- 3. As it is understood, there would appear to be issues with the capacity and ability of both the local foul surface water sewer systems to cope with any further load from development in the immediate area. The site is within a local area which has known flooding (a problem experienced at the local cemetery on Bicester Road).
- 4. The concern that a development of this size will lead to big events such as major concerts being held there in the future - adding further to the issues of noise pollution, parking and air pollution from increased traffic, etc.
- 5. The notion that 90% of fans travelling by public transport is wishful thinking, the present provisions are already stretched and cars will still be used, inevitably causing inconvenience by parking in and clogging the narrow roads serving local residential areas - we do NOT want to end up with a parking permit system (which we will have to pay for) to guard against this.
- 6. I am concerned that the proposals could end up being unsustainable in the long run and becoming in some way a burden to the council and local tax payers, it would after all be a commercial venture, with it's hotel, caf and other facilities.

Finally I believe that the size of such a development (reportedly some five storeys high!) is to big for Kidlington and it's visual impact not on keeping with it's surroundings.

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