

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="Duncan Bland"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="124 Grove Road ,Sutton,London,SM1 2DD"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I write in support of this planning application.

As a London resident I am very aware of the importance of well located development projects and associated integrated transportation. Indeed, I regularly use public transport, including rail, and if this proposed development were permitted, I would be able to use public transport to efficiently and sustainably attend Oxford United matches, something that is not currently possible. Being able to take a train directly from London Marylebone to Oxford Parkway and then a very short walk to the proposed new stadium, would by comparison with the Kassam Stadium (which OUFC has no reserved right to remain after 2026) be an enormous step forward in sustainable transport. From my current home, Oxford United home matches can only be effectively accessed by car.

Although I currently reside in London, I grew up in Oxfordshire and lived for 20 years in Kidlington. I know from first-hand experience that high quality sports facilities in the local area have been sorely lacking for too long. Oxford United's commitment to funding and maintaining greatly improved sports grounds at Stratfield Brake would make an enormous contribution to the community. Currently, Kidlington Parish Council is unable to effectively fund adequate maintenance of those grounds, with fields regularly flooding and games too often cancelled. When I was resident in the area and playing football, I all too often had to travel far out of the area to find good quality facilities. That situation must not continue for current residents; they deserve better. The dual aims of increasing physical activity for healthier lifestyles and developing youth talent require strong facilities.

I am excited by the focus on sustainability in the design of the proposed stadium. During initial consultations, I stressed that any design should prioritise a stadium sensitive to its surroundings and incorporating widespread use of renewable energy. I am pleased that the submitted plans do this, especially the commitment to deliver an all electric stadium.

The proposals are innovative, extensive and ambitious, as they should be. This is a major opportunity for Oxfordshire to develop a high specification, sustainable and distinctive sports arena of which the area can be proud. Such opportunities come around exceedingly rarely. The importance of ensuring the survival of Oxford United should not be overlooked too, of course. The proposals as set out would allow Oxford United to survive and thrive and provide the whole county with a facility of which it can be proud."/>
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