Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

Oxford united has been a part of my life since I was 6 years old. I am now 28. From playing for the junior teams to watching every week, the football club has brought me so much joy.

As a child, football brought me joy and excitement. The thrill of arriving at ground. The roar of the crowd when Oxford were doing well. Every Saturday I would rush from my own match to the club to join with the thousands of others who wanted to watch our heroes. It inspired me.

And now as an adult. It is a save haven. Something that keeps family connected. It keeps friendships together, giving me a community to be a part of. During COVID this was taken away, and the out pouring of emotion from all when we were allowed back in was something to behold.

The football club is something which brings my family together. Every week my sister, myself and my dad all meet, we sit in the same seats we have for 20'years and we enjoy the game together. Without the new ground, this will cease to exist. I will not be able to bring my future children to watch their local football club, because there is no ground to go to.

The new ground is the only way this football club can survive. It isn't about trophies and money, or even winning. It is about community. And this is embodied by all the work the football club do in the community. Without it, who will fill the void? Who will run the walking football for those trying to keep fit? Who will run the schools football sessions? Who will will inclusive football sessions for those with disabilities? Denying the club a new home not only does stops the football, but stops all of these initiatives.

I urge you, plead you, to grant this planning application and let the football club and its amazing work continue for years to come.

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