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

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

Why a new stadium is needed - current stadium is incomplete, poorly maintained, no realistic prospect for purchase and the lease has been terminated. Without a new home the club would likely die.

Why keeping OUFC alive matters - Oxford United has a long history, is Oxfordshire 's only professional club and is the foremost sports club in the county. It plays a massive role within the community with support services, schools input, community groups and a variety of specialist sides (special needs, walking football, women's and boys and girls development sides). It is also the focal point of leisure and entertainment for tens of thousands of Oxfordshire residents and more beyond the borders. It has a flourishing women's team on the fringes of the national level which offers a visible path into the game for young girls and women in the county. In short, it provides so much for so many across Oxfordshire that could not be replaced.

Why the triangle is the right place - great transport links both locally and nationwide. It will be a state of the art, environmentally strong development adding so much to the local area in terms of jobs, trade, and provision of a variety of facilities. The club have also pledged to support and maintain other local facilities, such as the pitches at stratfield break, to an extent not seen before.

Supporting the stadium will be a triumph of community over self interest and give everyone across the county something and somewhere to be proud about rather than the current site, which has become an embarrassment both within and outside of the game.

I therefore call upon you to support the application and listen to the myriad of voices explaining what positives the development would offer them.

It has to be a yes for a brighter future for the club, the area and the people of Oxfordshire

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