

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<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"/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Nick"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="13 Yarnton Court,Kidlington,OX5 1AU"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<p>As i am sure you know Kidlington locals are overwhelmingly opposed to this plan and we want to keep our green space and save our green belt. Building a stadium and retail park will not do this and will reduce the standard of living of locals considerably.</p> <p>Please consider the impact it will have on our lives and the amount of extra traffic it will generate in an already traffic-jammed area - the infrastructure/road system cannot cope with more traffic! It will negatively affect the prices of our properties. It has no benefits for local residents apart from any OUFC fans short-sighted enough to consider it a good idea - we already have a bus that picks fans up in Kidlington and takes them directly to the Stadium in its current location so convenience for local fans should not be a consideration!</p> <p>Why havent Kidlington residents been consulted about this plan? Why is the green belt even up for discussion?</p> <p>How can biodiversity net gain be achieved on this smaller site when the OUFC report concluded that their plans for Stratfield Brake site didn't achieve a net gain?</p> <p>How can building on this green space maintain a green barrier between Kidlington and Oxford? How can building a stadium on this space support nature recovery? What about the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 Section 41 Protected Habitat on the Triangle? It is shown as ancient woodland in the Cherwell Local Plan Partial Review to 2031 and Government guidance defines this as irreplaceable. The local community has had to wait eleven months (with an open-ended timetable) for OUFC to publish its detailed proposals. Even now only part of the report has been published and it still fails to resolve any of the key issues - it is not fit for purpose. OCC has misled the public by saying that OUFC was going to publish detailed proposals on Stratfield Brake for our consideration; failing to ensure that report was published in full; then unilaterally deciding to offer the Triangle as an alternative Green Belt site. Neither Stratfield Brake nor the Triangle are earmarked for development in the Cherwell Local Plan. They are strategically designated Green Belt sites to maintain a gap between Kidlington and North Oxford (once 2,000 houses have been built in the Kidlington Gap). OCC purchased this land to ensure that a gap was maintained between Kidlington and Oxford. This publicly owned land is held in trust for the local community who should be consulted on its potential use for a stadium. OCC is side-stepping the democratic Local Plan process by proposing Green Belt sites for a stadium. But worse they are refusing to even ask local people what they think of the Triangle site! Site allocation should only be made once all possible options have been considered, but OCC first chose Stratfield Brake then the Triangle with no attempt to justify its site selection. What other sites have been considered? Kidlington is a rapidly growing community and green space is an increasingly rare resource. OCC is failing to take account of the value of this land to local people for future recreational and sports use.</p>

I use Stratfield Brake and the surrounding area every day and the local childrens sports club use it at the weekends plus there are dog walkers, others taking exercise and of course the local wildlife. No reassurances or supposed facilities promised by OUFC will make up for the loss of green space valued by locals.

Do we have to let Big Business ruin everything in our local communities? I object VERY STRONGLY to this stadium proposal and do not want a stadium anywhere near Kidlington.

This is nothing personal to OUFC - i object to any plans to build on our green belt and green spaces.

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