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

Laura Bell

Organisation

Name

Amy Andrews

Address

35 Edith Road, Oxford, OX1 4QB

Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I would like to add my voice in support of relocating the home of Oxford United to the proposed 'Triangle' plot in Kidlington.

From falling in love with 'real' football being taken to the Manor in the 90s by my dad, to going every week with him to the Kassam to this day, I can't overstate how important the existence of Oxford United has been in my life and no doubt the lives of thousands of others. The thought of the club disappearing because we cannot find a new home is unfathomable to me.

Whilst I do accept the concern from Kidlington residents of lack of parking at the proposed new stadium, I don't believe that the rest of the opposition outweighs the benefit of relocation.

Football fans are not idiots (no matter how much certain opposing forces might want to paint them to be), they are not going to drive to a place where they know they won't be able to park. As a cyclist myself, this isn't a concern, but there is no arguing with the fact that the train station and much better bus links will make it so much easier to get to Kidlington versus Blackbird Leys.

I hope to support and visit Oxford United for the rest of my life, and at this crucial juncture it feels like Kidlington is the only option to make that hope a certainty.

Thank you for your time.

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Attachments