

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	
Name	Julie Matthews
Address	310 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 1DA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to the stadium being built at the Triangle on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Highway safety/parking provision/traffic congestion - Road closures or traffic diversions must not be allowed to happen. The road infrastructure around Kidlington cannot possibly handle more cars and diverting buses etc will cause massive inconvenience. All this will do is cause even worse jams around Wolvercote roundabout/Peartree interchange than there are already which will lead to frustration for motorists and potential accidents. Also, small businesses on the Oxford Road, for some of which Saturday is their busiest day, will suffer. Where will fans park? The amount of parking suggested at the stadium is laughable. Everyone knows fans won't arrive by train or bus, they will drive.</p> <p>2. Environmental pollution and noise: Noise pollution for the Kidlington residents living closest to the stadium will be awful. Who wants to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon in their garden listening to chanting, shouting etc? (I have already experienced this first hand, I lived close to The Manor ground in Headington when OU played there, it was horrible). Also, anti social/yobbish behaviour - OU's fans have recently been in the local news as causing problems, Kidlington does not want this.</p> <p>3. Landscape impact/nature conservation: Green space - why is building the stadium at the Triange, which is the last remaining green space between Kidlington and Oxford even being considered? It is an important natural habitat for many rare and protected species and the biodiversity will be ruined. The proposal should have been thrown out right at the start and not even given air-time. Also, the site is simply too small for what OU are proposing to build.</p> <p>I would implore the council to ignore any support for the stadium being built that is received from anyone living outside the immediate area. Supporters living in other parts of Oxfordshire or surrounding counties, or even further afield (New Zealand??) are not relevant. Please just consider those that will be immediately impacted.</p> <p>Finally, despite being invited to speak to the owner of the current stadium to secure a further lease (who incidentally has never said they can't stay) OU haven't done this. How can the huge expense of building a brand new stadium be "green" and "carbon neutral"? They won't own a new stadium wherever it is built because it will be financed by some investment company or similar. Please - DO NOT allow this stadium to be built.</p>
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