## 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	Kate Alderson-Smith
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Type of Comment	Objection
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I am appalled by the current application being considered by Cherwell District Council. The suggestion that a staduim and hotel are built on a greenfield site, resulting in the loss of biodiverse habitat is irresponsible and misguided. While the application pays lip service to protecting some of the diversity, in practical terms the whole development will have an outstandingly damaging impact on ancient woodland, trees, hedging and other biodiverse areas resulting in a net loss of species and habitats. There are *no* exceptional circumstances that are being offered to justify the destruction of the green belt in this biodiverse area. Traffic in the area will be increased and this in addition to multiple large developments already proposed (Begbrooke Innovation) or being built (Oxford North) will adversely impact on air quality and pedestrian safety. Air pollution remains a silent killer for those living near large amounts of traffic. Congestion is already dreadful in the area and siting the staduim / hotel here will only exacerbate the situation. The design of the development is also lacking in quality and should be thoroughly revised. More imagination is required to consider alternative, non green-field sites, in Oxford near public transport. Osney Mead industrial estate as a brownfield site seems more appropriate. It is utterly bonkers that this development is even being considered given Oxford already has a fully functioning staduim. The council should be encouraging OUFC to renegotiate their current contract. The whole development smacks of greed and lacks imagination.
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