Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Sylvia Barker

Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

When Oxfordshire County Council purchased part of the land at Stratfield Brake in 1937 they did so for a very good reason. They had the foresight to realise how important it was to provide a strategic gap between north Oxford and Kidlington. The site is in the Green Belt and building on the vast 44 acres of Green Belt land with an agreement that will be in place for 250 years means creeping urbanisation of the hitherto protected landscape.

If the application is approved large scale building on the land will effect the natural drainage system and lead to the risk of flooding. The proposed stadium and surrounding buildings will impact adversely on the landscape. In an era of global warming we should be doing everything we can to conserve nature. The fully grown trees that will be felled to make way for the stadium and supporting road infra-structure will no doubt be replaced by saplings. However, it will take years before they will have the same capacity as mature trees to absorb CO2. Saplings grow faster so they absorb CO2 quicker, but the size and density of mature trees is much greater, so they absorb more CO2. Meanwhile, the pollution and disruption caused by the huge footfall of an intrusive football stadium will add to the CO2.

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