

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	Kerry
Address	16 Partridge Place, Kidlington, OX5 1SL
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Reasons for objections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The proposed road closures: That road is a major artery in to Oxford and the main bus route connecting North Oxfordshire. This will be particularly detrimental for commuters when there are weekday games and people are trying to get home from work- Parking: Just because parking isn't available at the ground does not mean people will not attempt to drive. Students are told not to bring vehicles to Oxford but many do and will park wherever they can to avoid paying Park and Ride fees, creating tension between the stadium and local residents.- Cost: OUFC has run at a loss the last few years and has been served on numerous occasions with winding up orders, but can find millions of pounds suddenly to build a stadium? This is not a project that should be funded by the taxpayer- Caveat emptor (buyer beware): When Kassam bought OUFC and built them a new ground fans thought he was a hero. When he sold the club the buyer was fully aware the club would not own the stadium, but bought them anyway, and anyone interested in the club sincenis fully aware of this fact. It is a functioning stadium in very good condition, relatively new compared to other League 1 teams. The intial buyer from Kassam made a bad business deal. There is no evidence that the current owners have tried to negotiate any sale or lease extension; in fact, Kassam is reported in the Oxford Mail to have said no-one approached him regarding this. This is a ridiculously expensive way to get out of a bad business deal.- Local views: A vote in 2023 with local residents did not support the stadium being built.- Enviornmental factors: Green space / space for wildlife has been decreasing significantly in that area over the years with the train station and new housing. There is still wildlife out there, I've seen deer, rabbits, foxes, birds etc. Is there ever going to be a point where the council say "stop, that's enough" and if so when? When there's almost nothing left?
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