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

P Meredith

Address

6 School Road, Kidlington, OX5 2HB

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

As a resident of Kidlington, I wish to voice my strong objections to the proposal to build a large stadium and hotel on the green belt land next to Kidlington Roundabout. The green belt area that forms a break between Oxford and Kidlington is a precious resource of land and nature that has always been a welcome and pleasant sight on the journey between the city and village. More than that, it forms an important biodiverse habitat for wildlife of many species of flora and fauna. It is registered as green belt land and should be legally preserved and protected as such - no exceptions.

The impact of a stadium in Kidlington will bring so many adverse effects -

The traffic situation, already problem in and around Kidlington, will be much, much worse. Roads around the area will be blocked for extensive periods - the suggestion to close the roads at certain times on match days will create absolute chaos for drivers, bus- and trainpassengers alike, and is simply not practicable. I am a regular user of the bus and train services between Kidlington, Oxford and beyond, as are visitors who choose to come here by public transport. Disruptions and delays to these services on event-days at a stadium would result in considerable and widespread inconvenience.

With no safe pedestrian access across roads around the proposed area, there will be accidents. No provision for parking at the stadium has been made, and it is disingenuous at the very least to suggest that the majority of visitors will choose to come by public transport or on bicycles. They will drive, of course, and with no place for their cars, will resort to parking wherever they can in and around Kidlington, where we already have an insufficiency of safe parking space for the residents themselves. Parking space at Oxford Parkway Station nearby will not be a solution to the problem, as it is already overstretched with regular use by residents and commuters and would be inadequate to accommodate a sudden increase in car numbers.

I am not a nimby and this is unquestionably not about my back yard. It is about the health, safety and well-being of all of Kidlington's residents. Kidlington residents have already voted overwhelmingly to express our objections to the stadium being built here. Our voice should be heard.

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