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

Caroline Hayes

Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I strongly object to the proposed new stadium being built on the last piece of greenbelt between Kidlington and Oxford. The negative impact to the residents close to this project as well as the wider community will be lasting and will have no benefit in the long term. A 16,000 capacity stadium and 180 bed hotel in this confined area with no infrastructure to support it will cause serious traffic congestion every time the venue is being used. How can 16,000 people arrive and leave within the space of a few hours without causing major disruption? The claim that most attendees will be using public transport is desired but this is a hopeful wish which has no impact on the reality of the situation. There will be many people who come by car, they will need parking, lots of parking, places. This planning application should have been rejected at the outset for the damage it will cause to the whole of North Oxford. I find the lack of foresight beyond comprehension.

There is absolutely no necessity for OUFC to move as they can continue to stay at Kassam Stadium where there is parking and no major roads are impacted.

Will the Council approve the closure of roads as well as monitoring illegal parking during matches? OUFC said in their promotional material last year that roads would be closed. Thames Valley police said they would not be closed due to the disruption it would cause. All traffic would have to be diverted elsewhere, including buses.

It is impossible to understand how any right minded person could look at the Triangle and the surrounding roads/space and think that building a huge venue here is a good idea. If this proposal goes ahead it will be a shameful indictment of both the Council and OUFC. Caroline Hayes

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