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

Mark

Address

85 Bicester Road, Kidlington, OX5 2LD

Type of Comment

Objection

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neighbour

Comments

Hi, being a local resident of Kidlington I would like to object to the stadium for the following reasons:

- I believe that the additional traffic and parking on match days will be terrible for the local community. Without any new car parking being made available where will the supporters be expected to park? It is highly unlikely that all supporters with be arriving via public transport, many will drive as they currently do to the Kassam, where are these additional vehicles going to go? Kidlington cannot and should not have to accommodate these. Presumably OUFC would be funding the additional police and traffic wardens required on match days?
- the closure of the main road on match days would be chaotic and unfair on the local residents who use it. This feels like a removal of basic rights of residents to be able to move around their own village if the road was closed.
- bringing job opportunities to Kidlington does not appear to be a valid reason for the stadium, have you seen the unemployment rate in Kidlington?
- a commercial development of this size and scale is contrary to the Local Plan and planning policy for Green Belt sites.
- it will destroy valuable biodiverse wildlife habitat, something which our local community are passionate about preserving and encouraging.
- overall, my view is that a new football stadium would not be beneficial to the residents of Kidlington. There was vote last year I believe that backs this up. My recommendation would be for OUFC to either renegotiate with Kassam or find a location where the above points would not be an issue.

Kidlington is not a suitable place for a stadium of this size, the increase in traffic and pollution would be terrible along with the impact on the local wildlife. If OUFC really do need to move, they should find somewhere more suitable than Kidlington.

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