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

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I am an Oxford United fan living in London.

I'll be honest, I think it's sad and disgraceful the situation at the Kassam Stadium has been allowed to happen. Huge mistakes have been made by all parties along the way, but at the club's end, it is worth noting none of those responsible are still involved in the club.

By the sounds of it, legal safeguards have been put in place to ensure such mistakes aren't made in the future. I would give the club no more chances after this.

But, a football club is a huge community asset, and Oxford United are that. Their work in the community, the focus they give the Oxfordshire public, the money they bring into the city are all hugely important. See the impact on towns like Bury who've lost their club. A club is much more than something to do on a Saturday.

Sadly, without a new stadium, all of those benefits the club brings will be gone as the club will fold. It's that simple.

I understand the fears of eating into the green belt. How I would love a city centre stadium. But in Oxford that's not possible. I would even live with a sustainable future at the Kassam, but alas that isn't possible either. The Triangle, with its fabulous public transport links is the only option, but at least it's a great one. For people travelling to Oxford from across the country, like me, or for people of the city and country, we'll have easy access by train or Park and Ride. The site, and the project, will give the county a huge community asset.

Please, I demand that you make Oxford United live up to every pledge they've made about transport, being the most green stadium, and causing as little environmental impact as possible, down to the very last sapling planted.

But it does seem like a rare opportunity to make something great happen, which will have a lasting legacy. Let's not miss it.

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