

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<input type="text" value="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"/>
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Support"/>
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<b>Comments</b>	<p>Environmental Sustainability: The shift to an eco-friendly stadium signifies a significant departure from the current car-dependent model, thereby reducing carbon footprint and promoting sustainable transportation practices. By situating the stadium at the heart of a public transport hub, accessibility is enhanced, encouraging the use of public transportation and reducing reliance on private vehicles. Moreover, the adoption of all-electric infrastructure ensures minimal greenhouse gas emissions, paving the way for a carbon-neutral operation. This transition represents a tangible commitment to environmental stewardship and sets a precedent for other institutions to follow suit in embracing sustainable practices.</p> <p>Community Empowerment: Beyond its environmental implications, the proposed stadium serves as a dynamic community hub, fostering social cohesion and empowerment. By offering world-class facilities and amenities, it becomes a focal point for youth engagement, sports development, and cultural exchange. The emphasis on health promotion underscores a proactive approach towards public well-being, offering recreational opportunities and promoting active lifestyles. Furthermore, the creation of local jobs and investments injects vitality into the community, stimulating economic growth and enhancing social resilience. By positioning itself as a catalyst for positive change, the stadium exemplifies the transformative potential of community-centric planning initiatives.</p> <p>Title: Transformative Planning Measure: Establishing an Eco-Friendly Stadium and Community Hub</p> <p>Introduction: The proposal to transition from an environmentally unsustainable stadium to a state-of-the-art, all-electric, eco-friendly stadium is not merely a structural change but a visionary step towards sustainable development. This initiative aligns with the urgent global need to mitigate climate change impacts and foster community well-being. By relocating to a central public transport hub and incorporating innovative design principles, the new stadium will not only reduce carbon emissions but also serve as a beacon of sustainability and community engagement. This support document elucidates the multifaceted benefits of this planning measure, focusing on environmental sustainability, community empowerment, and biodiversity enhancement.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability: The shift to an eco-friendly stadium signifies a significant departure from the current car-dependent model, thereby reducing carbon footprint and promoting sustainable transportation practices. By situating the stadium at the heart of a public transport hub, accessibility is enhanced, encouraging the use of public transportation and reducing reliance on private vehicles. Moreover, the adoption of all-electric infrastructure ensures minimal greenhouse gas emissions, paving the way for a carbon-neutral operation. This transition represents a tangible commitment to environmental stewardship and sets a precedent for</p>

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**Biodiversity Enhancement:**

The revitalization of the stadium site presents a unique opportunity to enhance biodiversity and ecological resilience. Through strategic landscaping and habitat restoration efforts, the project aims to increase biodiversity by 15% and plant 250 additional trees. These initiatives not only contribute to local ecosystem health but also provide educational opportunities for ecological awareness and conservation. Moreover, the restoration of previously inaccessible scrubland offers new recreational spaces for residents to enjoy nature and engage in outdoor activities. By integrating ecological principles into the design and management of the stadium, the project demonstrates a holistic approach to sustainable development that prioritizes the coexistence of human activities and natural ecosystems.

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