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

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Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

I was born in the JR opposite The Manor, years later I would spend many memorable childhood hours with Grandad at The Manor, treasured memories.

Years later I remain a season ticket holder, I've met many, many wonderful people at Oxford United games and made lasting friendships. The football community is broad and wide, most of my friends are connected to football, it connects people. Oxford United has been a hub of football connections all my life, it's more than just a 2 hour event on a Saturday. Looking forward to matches helps get me through the week, it is a huge benefit to my mental health and when times are tough I know it's not long until the next matchday.

The proposed new stadium would be a wonderful community facility, the location next to the A34 and Parkway makes The Triangle an ideal site. Accessibility by road and rail allows people to travel to/from the stadium easily. Rail travel means fans from the Bicester area can use the train instead of driving, fans from Didcot area can use the train instead of driving, Banbury based fans can use the train instead of driving. Buses into Oxford allows city based fans an option to bus/train to/from the stadium. The public transport links are far better than the current location. Road users will have the A34 and this will remove traffic on the already pressured ring road. The facilities the new stadium brings will be a breath of fresh air, fans deserve a stadium that can be used and accessed outside of match times.

The new stadium will enable the club to grow and thrive, more people will be brought together to enjoy the stadium environment, Oxford will finally get a stadium it deserves. I support this stadium development, the fans deserve it and the people of Oxfordshire deserve it. Football is a growing industry and Oxford United will need the additional capacity the stadium offers.

Whenever OUFC draws a big name in a cup match it creates a buzz and excitement around the city, no other business has this impact, thousands enjoy matchday and this must be protected.

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