

# Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/00539/F
<b>Location</b>	Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington
<b>Proposal</b>	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
<b>Case Officer</b>	Laura Bell
<b>Organisation</b>	
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>My partner and I are writing to formally object to the planning proposal submitted for the proposed Oxford United Stadium on the area known as "the Triangle". As a resident of Cromwell Way, Kidlington and someone deeply concerned about our community's future, we believe this proposal poses several significant issues that need to be addressed.</p> <p><b>Environmental Impact:</b> This site is within the protected green belt which was agreed to help stop the urban sprawl/encroaching Oxford onto Gosford and Water Eaton and Kidlington. There are large scale housing developments around this area which is helping Oxford meet there housing targets, these developments are being built on the green belt so Kidlington and Water Eaton will soon feel like a suburb of Oxford and not a village. The site itself contains rich biodiversity including bats and insects which would be lost by the construction of the stadium.</p> <p><b>Traffic Congestion:</b> This proposed development is in the wrong location with the only viable option to close a key arterial road linking Oxford with the North of the County. The closure of the Oxford Road would have a huge effect on congestion in around the village. The effects on the traffic in the village as demonstrated by recent closures of the A34 and other key routes being closed, plus large events being held at Blenheim Palace would happen on a twice weekly (or more) basis. These planned road closures would lead to the residents of Garden City being blocked in on match days/evenings due to the increased amount of traffic. Oxfordshire Fire and rescue station are based in central Kidlington, along with the Thames Valley police headquarters at Garden City and South-Central Ambulances services having a hub on Langford Lane. With a shut road for even 30 minutes could be the difference between life and death if these emergency services are delayed trying to go through the closure or having to be diverted with all the other traffic around the Frieze Way. The Oxford Road is the main access to the Park and Ride and railway station which is used by all visitors and workers to access the City centre or to use the Train to access London etc. The Park and ride and train station is used as a transport hub for catching pubic transport to all the Oxford University hospitals sites and visitors to Blenheim Palace. On match days these spaces would be used by supporters and not the not used for this designed purpose. This would then increase traffic around Headington, City centre as visitor/workers will need to drive to the hospitals etc. The planning application does not include a proposed footbridge but noted this will be a separate application. This should off be included in the stadium application as access to the stadium is one of the key items to be agreed. If a footbridge is the only way for access to the stadium from the Park and ride and train station then this would need to go over the train line, the A34 and Oxford Road which would require a large structure which would also need to incorporate ramps for disable visitors. This type of structure would be very expensive and be visually imposing on all views, and I believe that the vast majority of supporters would not use it and would just access the stadium from Oxford Road which would disrupt traffic etc.</p>

The owner of the current stadium has suggested that a renewal of their agreement is on the table so would this not be a better option for the environment and the residents of Kidlington and north Oxford especially as their report has highlighted that there biggest fan base are located in the Cowley/Littlemore area plus with talks for the Cowley Branch line reopening this would give the sustainable transport links they wish for.

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