## 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

Michael Smith

**Address** 

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

**Comments** 

My daughter who lives in North Oxford has a life-threatening medical condition. This sometimes requires my wife and/or me to drive immediately to her home to administer lifesaving medication or coordinate a 999 call and paramedic response. The road closures and traffic congestion which will be caused if this stadium goes ahead could literally be a lifeor-death matter for our daughter.

I have numerous other concerns, in common with the majority of Kidlington residents who voted against this proposal in a local democratic exercise which had a high turn-out. These include:

- 1. The unacceptable plans to close local arterial roads.
- 2. The traffic congestion.
- 3. The parking chaos.

In relation to the above, it is fanciful to think that a large majority of fans would use public transport. Rather, they will take the convenient option and come by car. Why should the above consequences be inflicted on Kidlington residents who did not ask for this stadium? Further issues are:

- 4. The loss of the final bit of greenbelt separating Kidlington from Oxford. Kidlington's village character would be lost, as we are absorbed into the Oxford urban sprawl. There is no compelling special case for the greenbelt to be sacrificed.
- 5. The noise.
- 6. The air pollution.
- 7. The risk of disorder between fans.

Furthermore, no clear evidence-based case has been made for why OUFC must move from its present Kassam Stadium, and why the stadium should be inflicted on Kidlington, which (it should be remembered) is not part of Oxford!

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