## 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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

**Comments** 

Road closures unacceptable. Health and safety, inconvenience in getting to Sainsburys and other amenities, negative impact on businesses in Kidlington. Negative impact on businesses in Summertown and central Oxford, already hit by cost inflation. Likely further impact on ring-road and Oxford's already challenged transport infrastructure: we recently saw a violent reaction against LTNs, for example.

Bridge alternative unacceptable cost.

Building on greenbelt unacceptable, Oxford already has a pollution problem, exacerbated by

Wrong set of priorities for the area: investment in science park/data science labs might have more sympathy, but football is a leisure activity that offers no sustainable competitive advantage to the UK or the area, and at a time of significant cost inflation and economic challenges, when capital is scarce, represents a total misallocation of capital. Oxford united attracts no international interest and has no real brand value outside Oxfordshire. Oxford Parkway is the only logical area for Oxford to expand. Central Oxford dominated by historical architecture and colleges, rail link is less convenient: Marylebone is much more convenient for central London than Paddington. Putting a football stadium here shows a lack of vision and the wrong priorities for Oxford. In addition, expanded amenities are required for all the new houses and businesses in Oxford North, which a football stadium does not

Perfectly acceptable existing site: rather than pandering to the interests of one rich man, Mr Kassam, you should consider the broader interests of the community. Stadium is out of character with character and culture North Oxford, already hit by substantial new building developments in Oxford North and next to the stadium. Many elderly people live here, there is already a problem with uncontrolled parking in streets around five mile drive at weekends when parking permits are in force, and this will only get

worse.

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