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	Matthew Simpson	
Address	3 Dove House Close, Oxford OX2 8BG	
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I believe this application to be grossly out of scale with its proposed site. The site is anyway part of the dedicated green belt dividing Oxford from Kidlington, and should be respected as such, but it is also much too small to accommodate the sort of intensive use which the stadium and associated facilities would generate. The applicants' proposals as to biodiversity, traffic management, and landscape impact seem to me wholly unconvincing: pious wordage and fanciful projections. In each of these respects, in fact, the stadium would have a most severe and harmful impact - in the case of the natural environment of the district, a ruinous one. It is a plain case of over-development. Yes, Oxford United needs its own venue, but then why has this situation been allowed to arise: the loss (and demolition) of a suitable and successful Kassam Stadium, in favour of building all over again upon an already vulnerable and over-trafficked site like Stratford Brake?	
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