

Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="24/00539/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land To The East Of Stratfield Brake And West Of Oxford Parkway Railway Station Oxford Road Kidlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="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	<input type="text" value="Laura Bell"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Layla Moran MP"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Unit C5, Grange Court Business Park,,Barton Lane,,Abingdon,,OX14 3NB."/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Comment"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>I welcome the planning application by Oxford United Football Club Limited which allows plans for the potential stadium to be looked at in more detail. OUFC needs a long term home and I am glad that this potential site is being looked at carefully.</p> <p>I would like to bring a number of issues to the attention of the Planning Committee that have been raised with me by my constituents living near to the proposed stadium site.</p> <p>I hope that the Planning Committee will look at these aspects of the decision carefully before making their decision.</p> <p>Traffic & Transport</p> <p>One of the potential benefits of this site is that it is next door to Oxford Parkway Station and several existing bus routes. This could lead to OUFC matches being much better served by public transport and active travel in line with the County Council Local Connectivity and Transport Plan.</p> <p>There is significant concern about the proposed road closures on match days. My and my residents' understanding was that the club had committed to avoiding disruption to the local transport network on match days. I hope that the Planning Committee will expect the club to satisfy this expectation.</p> <p>The club had suggested that a footbridge between the site and Oxford Parkway. I would encourage the Planning Committee to insist on this as part of the plans, and one with sufficient capacity to avoid any need for disruption to existing travel.</p> <p>Similarly, the club had committed to less than 10% of attendees arriving by car. I hope that the Planning Committee will ensure that the travel plans the club puts forward will be robust enough to ensure that this is the case. This plan also appears to be highly reliant on significant numbers of attendees parking at the various Park & Ride sites around Oxford and then getting shuttle buses to the ground. Is there enough capacity at the Park & Ride sites to accommodate this number of additional vehicles and is there a realistic plan for how this presumably large number of shuttle buses will then get to the ground?</p> <p>In general it looks to me like there is still a lot of work to be done on traffic and transport issues.</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Many of my constituents in south Kidlington and Gosford are concerned about attendees parking on local roads. I can see that some proposals have been put forward about this, which is welcome. Please can the Planning Committee ensure that any such plans to deal with stadium parking cover a wide enough area, based on evidence from football stadiums elsewhere, and that management of these arrangements on the day will be robust. There is</p>

a concern that it will be promised but not delivered.

Cycle access

I strongly support the proposals to encourage cycling to the stadium. A very large population lives within easy cycling distance of the site, and cycling could be a significant contributor to achieving the target of less than 10% arriving by car. However only a relatively small number of cycle racks appear to be proposed at the stadium itself. Please can the Planning Committee ensure that there are more than enough cycle stands at the stadium itself to accommodate the number of cyclists predicted, and that these stands are secure and up to the best standard. It will not encourage people to cycle to the stadium if they have to park their bike at Oxford Parkway and then walk the rest of the way.

I hope that these points, and others raised by my constituents, will be carefully assessed before the decision is made.

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