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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I live near the planned site, and noise from the stadium will be audible from my house. I am objecting on the grounds that this is a completely inappropriate location for such a massive commercial enterprise. The planned capacity of 16,000 is more than the entire current population of Kidlington. The surrounding area is largely residential, with many more houses currently being built. (It is unfortunate that these future residents can't have a say in this planning application.) Match days will be extremely disruptive for locals, with a very real risk of antisocial behaviour and parking offences, as routinely reported by residents living near to the Kassam Stadium. The existing infrastructure cannot support the sheer quantity of people who are expected to arrive; for example, there is nothing in the plan allowing football fans to walk safely from the railway station to the stadium so presumably the road will have to be closed, even though it's on the main bus route connecting Kidlington to Oxford. The Water Eaton Park & Ride site is likely to become the de facto stadium car park, which will displace parking to other locations in Oxford, and hamper all the other users of the Park & Ride network.

Building this stadium will be a disaster for the environment, closing the last of the green gap between Kidlington and Oxford. The building work and the matches (and other events) will all cause noise and light pollution, which can hardly be "offset" by a bit of greenwashing. In particular the bird population of the Stratfield Brake conservation area will be badly affected.

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