Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

Application
Number
Location

24/00539/F

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 Comments

neighbour

Kidlington Peace Campaign objects to the submitted Application on the following grounds:

"ES vol 1 chapter 18 Major Accidents and Disasters" (dated 26/2/24) fails to include the risks associated with the transport of 'defence nuclear materials' along the A34 adjacent to the Triangle site.

Background details.

The Ministry of Defence regularly transports 'defence nuclear materials' (ie unarmed nuclear warheads) between the Atomic Weapons Establishment in Burghfield, Berkshire and the Royal Naval Base at Faslane in Scotland. Evidence gathered locally indicates that convoys of 'defence nuclear materials' pass along the A34 every 2-3 weeks usually on a weekday, but occasionally on a Saturday.

Although the risk of an incident is slim, the result of an accident involving a fire (such as experienced recently with a lorry fire closing both carriageways of the A34) on a vehicle carrying nuclear warhead components could in extreme circumstances result in the release of highly radioactive material into the atmosphere.

The MoD have published a manual called Local Authority and Emergency Services Information (LAESI). Edition 9 of this manual is online. [Google LAESI or visit:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/82776/LAESI_9.pdf

The LAESI manual stipulates what evacuation measures are required when a serious accident raises the risk of nuclear material being released into the atmosphere.

Managing the risks associated with nuclear material passing close to a residential area is difficult but can be mitigated by telling people to stay indoors and to shut all windows and doors. However an emergency situation will be made much more complex for the Emergency Services if they also have to deal with a stadium full of people.

To conclude, the Application must be rejected until there is an emergency plan drawn up to deal with the risks outlined in the LAESI document.

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For Kidlington Peace Campaign

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