Comment for planning application 24/00539/F

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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

Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

Adrian Gray

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Comments

I am objecting to the application for the following reasons:

- 1. Traffic impact. The application talks about diverting traffic that would usually go down Oxford Road round by Frieze Way to Peartree, Wolvercote roundabout, and Cutteslowe roundabout before and after matches. On a Saturday that route already gets jammed up regularly, and it's likely to get busier with the traffic filters being introduced in Oxford. Those of us living in Kidlington already have all routes to the South and East made complicated by the need to go around Oxford, and diverting further on already congested roads to avoid the stadium as well is going to make travellinnng even harder. This also doesn't take account of those of us who cycle along Oxford Road, as it is not safe to cycle on that diversion route (please note that a cyclist was killed on it withon the last six monnths). Personally, I would not want to be trying to cycle along through a crowd of fans heading in or out of the stadium as I would not feel safe.
- 2. There are very few parking spaces being provided; even if it's only the away fans driving, that's still going to result in lots more people parking in Kidlington. I doubt that many fans will take a train, given that the cost of a train ticket for one person is a lot more than the cost of driving a car with 2 people to most places, even if you get a parking ticket! If, as is hoped, fans use the Park & Ride parking, then what happens to people wanting to use that parking to go into Oxford?
- 3. It's a site in the Green Belt, why is it being built on? The owner of the Kassam has said that they could stay there, so they don't actually have to move.

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