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Re: Planning Application 24/005339/F – Objection

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to inform you of my objections to the above planning proposal.

Traffic congestion and road closures will cause a huge amount of disruption to North Oxford and Kidlington. Traffic on the Banbury road will be greatly impacted on days of matches and other large events which is likely to cause gridlock on the main road out of Oxford to Kidlington. This will cause increased pollution. A friend has found it impossible to sell their house because of the levels of traffic congestion and pollution that already exist at the roundabout.

The Oxford United fan base is small in North Oxford, so many will be using cars to park. 184 spaces and 2 coach bays is woefully inadequate for numbers attending events. This will lead to people using the Park and Ride and preventing other users of the car park for which it is intended. The A34 and A40 is frequently congested at weekends as people use it to access the Cotswolds and Blenheim Park.

Oxford Parkway Station is unsuitable for large crowds. The platforms are narrow as is the bridge over the rail lines, putting people's lives at risk.

Government policy states that it is inappropriate to develop on the Green Belt unless for very special circumstances. Plans for a proposed wild-life rich green area are unrealistic. Fans will stray over to the area and destroy whatever is there.

I understand the area is likely to be affected by surface water flooding. The impact of this on housing around could lead to flooding of residential homes. This happened in Abingdon when Tesco's built a large supermarket on a flood plain, many years ago. The devastation it caused to many households was incalculable.

I object to your development and hope you will see sense to stop developing your plans.

Yours faithfully

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