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I object to this proposal on multiple levels, the most pressing being:

- The site is already far too small for this purpose. There is no room for fan/visitor parking on site which means that fans will try to park in the local community and walk to the stadium. This causes obstruction and inconvenience to local residents and anyone who need access or to pass through Kidlington and surrounding areas. The inevitable knock on effect either immediate or retrospective will be parking restriction/charges in the local community. This isn't something new, it always happens when stadiums etc are built around local communities.
- One of the proposals is to permanently close a section of the bus lane between Kidlington and Oxford Parkway Station for pedestrians/cycles. Public transport would be massively impacted, traffic congestion will be worse and as a disabled tricyclist who relies on the safety of the bus lane (as cycle paths are generally too narrow) I would not be able to use the roads when the stadium is in active use. The result is highly likely to be that the general public will be deterred from using buses, which is against all green agenda approaches for Oxford City.
- If bus schedules are affected people will start to avoid bus use. The eventual impact of that will be that bus companies will stop running the buses/frequent buses in this area. This goes against all green agendas and for those of us who do not have our own car and rely on public transport this would be devastating.
- Looking at the plan, the space available is insufficient for a football stadium, even a relatively small one, and necessary additional facilities/infrastructure for its use. It has already outgrown this space before they have even started.
- There is a proposal to close the roads around the stadium when matches are in progress. What are local people supposed to do and how will we get around? There are proposed plans to close access through the centre of the village west, through to Yanton, if the southern access road is also closed how will anyone get in or out of the village, unless they only intend to go north - which is relatively few.
- There is a thriving biodiverse wildlife habitat at Stratfield Break across the road and surrounding areas. The potential impact of this development would devastate this environment and people's enjoyment. It is inevitable that fans will attempt to park at this location therefore preventing the present attendees at Stratfield Break and the Wildlife Park access to parking.

- There has been no mention of the Green Belt destruction for this proposed development and the areas of supposed biodiversity are frankly insulting. This development is in conflict with the Local Plan and planning policy in this respect.
- There has been a huge promotion to participate in this survey by OUFC Supporters, the vast majority of whom do not live in the local area and indeed some do not even live in the Oxfordshire. Why should locals have to put up with disruption for the benefit of mostly visitors, who would not realise they are causing the disruption to this local community.

Please DO NOT proceed with this application, which is fraught with problems before it has even left the planning table.

Regards

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