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Subject: Re: OUFC stadium: traffic plans

Dear David

Thank you for your letter. I understand your concerns, which I share. I can assure you that OCC's position is that stated by Cllr Dan Levy in his recent letter. We stand by our original decision, and we will not support any proposal that includes the closure of the road on match days.

Best regards

Liz

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From: David Robey <david.robey@kidlington-pc.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 November 2023 17:15
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Subject: OUFC stadium: traffic plans

Dear Liz,

I am writing on behalf of the councils of the four parishes immediately to the North of Oxford: Begbroke, Gosford & Water Eaton, Kidlington and Yarnton. Our current joint population is about 20k, soon to rise to about 30k with the new housing developments to meet Oxford's need. We will effectively be a single conurbation.

The only two routes into Oxford from the North, the A44 and the A4260, are increasingly congested, and will become even more so with our new housing developments, and with the new Oxford North development as well. There will only be minor road improvements to deal with this increased traffic.

Given the serious congestion problems already in the pipeline, the four parishes are gravely concerned by Oxford United's current plans to close the A4260 before and after matches at the new stadium. The relevant paragraph is as follows:

Oxford Road will be closed to traffic for an hour before a match and up to two hours afterwards. This will improve pedestrian safety and access. A full vehicle closure is proposed for the first 20 minutes before and after a match to enable the crowds to arrive and make their way home via walk, cycle, the buses waiting on Oxford Road and at Parkway and rail.

For more details, see <https://oufcstadium.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Creating-a-new-home-for-Oxford-United-3.pdf>.

Closing the Kidlington-Oxford road regularly on Saturdays and weekday evenings will create enormous congestion on the only feasible alternative route, the A44 via Pear Tree roundabout. It would make it extremely difficult for our residents to get to Oxford, and for Oxford residents to go North, at the times in question, as well as creating significant knock-on congestion in the surrounding area.

The County Council cabinet has required OUFC, before the lease of the Triangle site is finally agreed, to produce detailed plans that include the following:

- e) Develop new pedestrian and cycle entrances and routes to improve accessibility, including a new pedestrian route across the Oxford Road, such as a footbridge, that improves pedestrian and cyclist access to the site from Oxford Parkway railway station and the Park & Ride without disrupting vehicle movements on the Oxford Road.

We call on the County Council to stand by this position, and take steps to ensure that the plans for the stadium do not go ahead in their current form.

Best wishes,

David

David Robey

Chair

Kidlington Parish Council

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