
Application Number 126431/FO/2020

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Dear Jennifer

Re: Application No. 126431/FO/2020 - Proposed arena

I am writing as the Co-Founder of Hope Mill Theatre to support the proposal for a new arena in Manchester. Hope Mill Theatre is located less than one mile from the proposed site for the arena. Since opening in 2015 it has become one of England's most successful and reputable independent venues winning the Fringe Venue of the Year at the The Stage awards in 2018.

I support the proposal as £350m of investment will support the continued renewal of East Manchester. It will create over 3000 jobs in construction and apprenticeship opportunities. Then once open, a further 1000 jobs will be created. Many of these will go to local people. This extra money circulating in the local economy will benefit places like Hope Mill Theatre. There will also be opportunities for young people to get involved in learning how a major arena operates.

In addition to this, it is likely that the arena will see further development reaching back towards the City Centre past where Hope Mill Theatre is located. This will bring investment in infrastructure and the public realm making the area a better place to spend time. The applicants have already committed to investing in the canal area and cycle and pathways.

Finally having one of the world's best arenas right here in Manchester is not only befitting of our city's brand and ambition but it is an important part in attracting and retaining the creatives and innovators who power so much of our city's economy. People who visit and contribute to what we do at Hope Mill Theatre but who also contribute in so many other sectors from science to technology.

This is why I support the proposals and why I hope to welcome the arena as a new neighbour in the not too instant future.

Yours faithfully

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