

Comments for Planning Application 126431/FO/2020

Application Summary

Application Number: 126431/FO/2020

Address: Site South Of Sportcity Way, East Of Joe Mercer Way, West Of Alan Turing Way And North Of The Ashton Canal At The Etihad Campus Manchester

Proposal: Erection of a multi-use arena (Use Class D2) (61082 sqm) with a partially illuminated external facade together with ancillary retail/commercial uses (Classes A1, A3 and A4), with highways, access, servicing, landscaping, public realm and other associated works.

Case Officer: Jennifer Atkinson

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: It is a fantasy to think that a (Greater) Manchester can support two arenas of this size. The only way to feed the new space well enough will be to encourage driving in from further distances - we all know this is what will happen, please be honest in observing this. At the moment, we should be encouraging LESS cars on our road, not more. My objection is environmental: all of ours should be. At some point we have to start taking responsibility for this. It is not even as if the proposed arena could be split down to smaller spaces, to recreate the kind of musical + comedy events that will not be happening for months because of Coronavirus recovery. THAT is where the detriment to Manchester's event scene will be felt. Help the small venues; they are what make Manchester special. I am not speaking as a student who likes to socialise in the centre of town or near the university; I am a late 40s suburb dweller who has been going to gigs in Manchester since 1988. It is irresponsible to attract the kind of extra load of traffic that this development will actually require, to sell tickets. I am utterly against.