

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 made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This needs application needs assessment and consideration before a decision is made. On the one hand - the existing arena needs serious improvements because although functional in respect of allowing large gigs and shows, it is showing its age in relatively its own present short lifespan. However, it is seen as vital to the footfall to the city centre. It is very important in terms of feeding existing shops, restaurants, bars and pubs with important secondary business!

On the other hand - most major cities in Britain and around the world seem not to be affected by additional competition ? Whether Manchester can sustain another large indoor arena is to sustainability and whether the city centre 'can handle ' another arena.

The Trafford Centre was a major concern at the time in terms of a Manchester losing significant business and footfall - but it seems over the years Manchester has coped fairly well !

Additionally, the newly constructed 'Factory' on the old Granada site is coming on stream - another competitor and tourist enhancement to our city.

In the end, this proposed new arena will need to show that it is sustainable and it enhances the city's profile ?