

# 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: I wholly object to this proposal. I am all in favour of redevelopment and investment into the city, when it provides jobs, industry and opportunities for the people of Manchester and satisfies a genuine need. However this proposal smacks entirely of a greed driven attempt trying to divert business, investment and customers away from the city centre and into Eastlands - which doesn't have the location, transport links, history and infrastructure that the Manchester Arena has. Manchester has an illustrious history of supporting Live Music and Culture, the Arena would benefit from investment - and should be seen as a jewel in the crown of the city, but there are many many other smaller venues such as the Apollo or Academy that may suffer from the saturation that another venue of that scale might lead to. Is there evidence to suggest that the Arena cannot cope with the demand? There are already 2 football stadiums that may host outdoor concerts on top of this. Don't let the city centre deteriorate, due to the lack of investment that would inevitably result from the epicentre of attraction and interest moving elsewhere.