

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 am concerned about this development and the consequential impact on the current Manchester Arena.

Studies have shown that there is only sufficient demand for one venue of this size in the Manchester area. The current arena being located in the city centre is the optimal location for this sort of venue:

- central location affords ease of access on public transport from across the city region and beyond
- ease of access from city centre hotels
- access to bars and restaurants - city centre events are a major driver of footfall

In the aftermath of the pandemic and the impact on our city based hospitality industry it is crucial that we do not take any action which may cause further damage.

Also, to permit a development which would imperil the survival of a key city centre facility seems foolhardy.

In summary this is an arena which is not needed and in the wrong location.

I urge the committee to reject the proposal.