

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 commented on this proposal a few months back (pre-Covid19), but this has made me want to comment further. The last few months have made it clear to many of us that pollution is too high, the roads are too congested, and that something needs to change. Building a new arena when we already have Manchester Arena, Victoria Warehouse, Central Arena, Old Trafford Football and Cricket grounds, the Etihad, Heaton Park, Event City and Castlefield Bowl as large gig venues is irresponsible from an environmental and road safety point of view. I've had the use the M60 on a day when football was on and there was a gig at the Arena: what is already an awful journey became soul-destroyingly bad. No crashes, just too many people trying to get to too many places, all at the same time, on roads unable to cope with that much traffic. And you want to ADD to that?

And now in a world where we don't know how we can safely even go to gigs, you want to add another venue? When most gigs have been postponed till mid-2021, and, who knows, may be postponed again. When disposable income is going to be non-existent for millions of people across the country, so money to spend on luxuries like gig tickets is going to be spread thinner than before. Adding another venue in these circumstances goes from being a bit daft to being downright nuts. What would you name it? The Manchester White Elephant?

Rather than encouraging a new build, please instead support the established venues who are undoubtedly struggling with the cancellations and postponements of the last few months and the months to come.