

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: The proposed new arena will, obviously, compete with the Manchester Arena for certain events.

This would cause a major problem for concert-goers, like myself, who live outside of the Greater Manchester area.

Currently, we can catch a train to Victoria and we are at the venue.

We usually take some time to visit the local bars and restaurants in Manchester before the event too.

The proximity to public transport is a great bonus of the Manchester Arena as events often finish quite late but the trains are very handy and we can still catch the last one home.

Should we need to visit the Etihad Campus area, we are faced with only one choice - avoid public transport and drive instead.

We cannot get to Victoria after the event and, as good as Metrolink is, attempting to get on a tram after a large event is hopeless and far too much of a risk regarding missing the last train from Piccadilly.

Driving, obviously, detracts from the overall enjoyment of the evening, reduces the money we spend locally in Manchester and increases the pollution levels and congestion.

Manchester has a lot to offer its visitors and the Manchester Arena is a great venue that attracts the majority of bands that are touring the UK and is well liked by fans.

Should you decide to allow a new arena, however, the existing venue, with its great location, will become watered-down and it is almost inevitable that those of us outside Greater Manchester will have to look elsewhere for our concert venues.

Don't ruin a great establishment!

