

11th June 2020

Jennifer Atkinson
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Dear Jennifer,

Re: Application number 126431/FO/2020 - Erection of a multi-use arena

I am writing on behalf of Mace to give our support to the above application. Mace is an international consultancy and construction business operating in 21 sectors from five global hubs. In the North of England, we have offices in Manchester and Leeds, and are involved in a number of high-profile projects including the full repair and upgrade of Manchester's iconic Town Hall and Albert Square.

The Town Hall and Albert Square are symbols of civic pride and wealth born out of a time that the city led the world during the industrial revolution. Much has changed since that time, but the need for continual investment so as to compete, is as strong as ever.

Which is why we support the proposed arena. £350m of private investment in a world-class, state-of-the-art arena will further cement Manchester's second city status.

Furthermore, the arena is fully in line with Manchester's Core Strategy and the longstanding (and to date successful) intention to develop East Manchester through sport and leisure-based facilities.

Finally, the impact of a project on this scale at this particular time is hugely significant, particularly the construction sector. The orders that enter the supply chain will enable many suppliers to survive the anticipated downturn and safeguard hundreds of jobs.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Harvey
Director – UK Regions

