

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: Broadly speaking, I don't really care where I see a band as it is their choice of venue that dictates where I have to go. However, if given a choice of venues, then how such a venue works will help that decision. For example, I would have a 30 minute drive to Sheffield Arena but would always choose Manchester Arena first, despite being a 1 hour drive if a band was playing both.

No venue is perfect but Manchester Arena gets things right. The parking is sufficient, their attitude to their customers at events is good (controlling but not officious) and the general set up, layout and location of the venue is good.

It would be a complete shame for a second venue to open and cause the closure of the current arena because of its 'newness'. Given the current, and looming, economic situation I would be very surprised if *two* venues survived.

The situation ain't broke, please don't try to fix it.

For context, I am a 52 year old that has been going to concerts since I was 16. I average 15 - 20 gigs per year and have visited many arena-sized venues across the country, as well as smaller ones). I have no affiliation to Manchester Arena or any of employees or associates. My opinion is only that of a customer.

