

# 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: Having an arena out of town will make going to shows much harder, especially getting home.

Many people travel to gigs by trains from other cities. With many shows finishing around 11pm many wouldn't be able to make it back to catch transport in time meaning they would either have to leave shows early or not attend at all, choosing arenas in other cities with better links, and if attendances in Manchester start to fall promoters will look to Liverpool or Leeds instead.

This isn't just a problem for people from outside Manchester. Trying to get home within Greater Manchester will be a lot harder. I went to a gig at Victoria Warehouse last December, the transport links there really only serve a couple of places. Getting home at 11.30pm was so difficult that I will never go to another gig there. An Eastlands arena will suffer the same fate.

I say this as someone with no health problems. My mum is in her 70s and still likes going to concerts. The additional journeys would make it physically impossible for her to attend if they're outside of the centre.

I know decisions are usually made on money rather than people's well being but do the right thing and keep shows in the centre of Manchester.