

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 no longer live in the North West, but visit Lancashire regularly to stay with family and do go into Manchester, usually travelling by train from Chorley.

I object to the building of this new stadium for several reasons.

There is already a stadium in Manchester, which is in a central location easily accessible from all parts of Manchester and further afield. The Manchester Arena is particularly well served by public transport, with trams, trains and buses, plus an on site car park. I personally find it easy to travel to the Manchester Arena by train with my relatives and would not want to visit the new stadium as it would mean having to drive there. It is also more environmentally friendly because of the easily accessible public transport on the doorstep.

Secondly, why approve another stadium development outside the centre, when the current Manchester Arena adds to the vibrancy of the city centre and brings people into the centre to use restaurants, bars and other leisure amenities when visiting the arena. Thirdly, research demonstrates that there isn't a need for two such stadia so one of them would fail. I understand the concept of free market enterprise but to approve another stadium when a perfectly good one already exists, and there isn't the demand for two, seems a pointless exercise.