

# 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: As a regular concert goer (circa 20 concerts per year) I can't see the justification in a second arena. Whilst the Etihad Campus area is actually an easier journey for me by car, I seriously doubt the ability of the transport system to cope. Look at the travel chaos when Muse played the Etihad stadium. Manchester City centre has the proven ability to cope with the volume of visitors. I always use public transport to get to Manchester Arena and enjoy the restaurants and local bars. How much late night revenue does concert goers contribute to the city centre? I suspect a lot as I know a lot of people go out in the city afterwards. This spend is unlikely to happen out of the town centre. As someone who used to live in London, I know how soulless venues such as the O2 are.

The chances of two venues of this size surviving has to be low. This means that ongoing investment in either venue is unlikely to be sustainable. Manchester Arena needs to update itself and if it doesn't, then I would support a future application to build this new arena. But in the meantime, Manchester doesn't need a venue of this size and scale.