

# 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 someone who travels regularly to Manchester for concerts at the existing arena, matches at the Etihad and courses, I would object to the creation of a new arena if it is likely to impact on the viability of the existing city centre arena.

The existing arena's city centre location is easy to access and exit, and numerous shops, bars, hotels and restaurants around the city centre no doubt benefit hugely from crowds going to and from the venue and from people like us who make a trip out of an event there. The city centre location also undoubtedly helps reduce carbon emissions as many people will arrive at it by public transport or on foot.

An out of town venue will more likely than not mean more people drive with less ancillary spend in the city centre. It also means the hell that is the tram or bus experience of getting to and from the campus for people staying in the city centre.

We certainly would consider going to concerts in other places where the venue is accessible by foot from the city centre and others may well take the same view.