

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 have been to so many great concerts at Manchester Arena, it is ideal for anyone travelling to gigs from outlying towns. We can catch the train home to our local station from Victoria Station, we are able to spend money in the city centre on meals and drinks knowing we can get the train home immediately after a concert. I have been to a couple of gigs at the Etihad and it's a nightmare to get home from. By the time I get back to the city centre all the trains have stopped running, the only realistic option is to drive. This would put extra pressure on the M60, not really encouraging people from outlying towns to the centre of Manchester to spend money and boost the economy. Most people would drive direct to the arena at Eastlands just in time to watch the event. Plus with driving being the only realistic option, it's not a green travel plan. I can walk to my local station and get a return train to Manchester. To take events away from Manchester Arena would rip the heart out of the city and hurt the city centre hospitality industry that is already suffering. In fact it would be just as easy for me to travel to Liverpool Echo Arena than Eastlands.