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To whom it may concern

RE – LTA Letter of Support – Planning Reference 126431/FO/2020

I am writing this letter in support of OVG's planning submission to develop a World Class Entertainment arena at the Etihad Campus including the development of a new indoor Arena.

The LTA would very much welcome the additional arena in Manchester given the increased opportunities it would provide to bring world class international tennis events to the city. International tennis events drive interest and awareness in our sport and the LTA is keen to explore opportunities to develop and enhance new and existing events, particularly outside our traditional summer grass court season. We would certainly love to bring a home Davis or Fed Cup tie to Manchester and capitalise on the city's enthusiasm and support for sporting events. Longer term, we would also seriously consider using the new arena as the focal point for potential bids for the set-piece international team events in the tennis calendar such as the Davis Cup and Fed Cup Finals or the Laver Cup

The LTA has a long standing partnership with Manchester Local Authority and Manchester Active and the city has been at the forefront of many tennis initiatives and projects over many years.

Since 2015, with Manchester Active we have delivered a Grassroots Tennis Strategy which has led to over £1m being invested in parks, clubs, Indoor Tennis Centre, technology, community, education, performance, disability and workforce growing a significant player and fan base across the city. Some outcomes achieved include

- A Refurbishment of 18 Park courts,
- Creating an online customer experience across 15 Community venues attracting 7500+ players, generating over 20,000 court bookings a year.
- Club membership growing by 20% across the city
- At the Indoor Tennis Centre on the campus we have invested in a Local Player Development Centre and Open Court Disability Program which crosses the city and the centre itself is operating at near capacity
- Bringing world class tennis to the city through the Manchester Trophy at the Northern

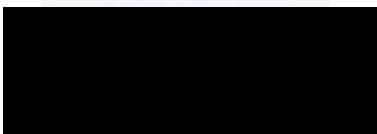
Over the next 5 years we are now looking to invest in Technology and infrastructure to provide a sustainable programme across the park network ensuring over 75% of park courts are in good condition and doubling the participation numbers over the next 5 years

We also have the ambition to double the number of indoor courts across the City and the first step is to look at adding additional indoor courts and Padel Tennis to the Indoor Tennis Centre on the Campus.

The proposed development will bring significant investment, jobs, opportunities and an amazing experience for the people in Manchester

For tennis, a new Arena located next to the Tennis Centre where an expansion of facilities is being proposed, will provide a unique set of facilities to attract the highest level of world class events. This would provide a fantastic catalyst to driving the Participation Strategy across the city, region and beyond having a significant impact on growing our base of players and fans..

Kind regards



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