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Dear Jennifer,

Re: Application Number 126431/FO/2020 - Multi-use arena

I am writing on behalf of TransPennine Express to support the application for a new arena. TransPennine Express runs intercity services linking some of the biggest and best cities and towns across the North.

TransPennine Express supports the proposal for a new arena for the following reasons:

- A world-class arena hosting events of national and international significance will attract more people to Manchester from across the UK. Given the site is a 20-minute walk from Manchester Piccadilly, the city's busiest station, train usage will increase.
- The applicants have committed to actively encourage people to use public transport at the point of selling tickets. This too will boost train travel.
- The proposed venue will give a boost for the north of England as a visitor destination and it is likely to offer events appealing to the North East, Yorkshire and the North West which will further benefit TransPennine Express which connects these regions. This is in alignment with our strategic plan - 'Taking the North Further.'

Yours faithfully

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