

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: Given the current situation, I cannot see the need for yet another arena in Manchester. The city is served with a perfectly good venue that I would have thought has plenty of spare capacity already.

The location of the proposed second arena would mean a lot more travel for most people and I fail to see how there assertions that this would be done by public transport hold any ground whatsoever. IF anything I think the reverse would be true

The size of the venue would no doubt mean bigger footfall but a lot of these tours fail to sell out anyway. There are very few artists that can fill 15000 sets let alone the proposed capacity.

The comparison with Birmingham is also very misguided and many of the statistics are actually discounted by the very sources they claim show the demand

It is with this in mind that I would recommend objection

On top of all of this, I would say let's hold fire and see what the post-Covid 19 entertainment sector looks like as there may need to be wholesale changes anyway