

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 a Concert-going tax payer in Manchester I cannot understand the rationale of building a 2nd arena in the City sited near the Etihad stadium. Having attended concerts at the Etihad with my disabled husband on numerous occasions I have been unable to get public transport away from the venue or hail a black cab and have had to push his manual wheelchair all the way back to the City Centre to get home. The Manchester Arena in the City centre is so much more convenient for public transport and ease of access. There is little or no choice of restaurants around the Etihad stadium for enjoying a pre event meal and have found myself paying inflated price for limited choice concessions within the stadium grounds.

The city centre offers so much more in the way of catering and transport and with 2 football stadium and a cricket ground in the area I cannot see how all these venues along with the Manchester Arena will be fully utilised. The Manchester Arena centrally sited serves all of Greater Manchester, but trying to get the East Manchester from outside the city is no easy. In fact I know if this new venue is approved and built and this causes the demise of Manchester Arena I will use Liverpool Arena as I can get home quicker from there than East Manchester and I think other people from the South of the City will do likewise.