

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 regular visitor to Manchester I am extremely disappointed to find that in all likelihood the Manchester Arena will close if this new arena is given the go-ahead. The MEN Arena is ideally situated in the city, with hotels, restaurants, bars and shopping all within easy reach.

By effectively moving the arena to Eastlands, much of the attraction of arriving at Victoria and having all the hospitality facilities on hand will be lost. I certainly would not be as likely to travel for concerts as it would mean missing out of much of what Manchester has to offer.

In many ways I consider Manchester to be my second home, and although many of the events held at the Arena are also held in Newcastle and Leeds, which involves much less travelling, I prefer the unique experience, and special atmosphere generated by having a huge, impressive venue right in the heart of the action.

I believe, in tourism terms at least, that the city would be better served by supporting the existing arena redevelopment plans than approving another out-of-town development.