

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: The existing Arena has by far better infrastructure than this proposal as it is linked with not just a single metrolink tram stop and bus stops but a major train station as well as Shudehill transport hub a short walk from Victoria train station. This serves as an additional large multi-storey car park, bus station and metrolink tram stop which add to the existing Arena's multi-storey parking.

I also think this new arena would not create "new" jobs as stated in this new proposal as it would make the existing Arena obsolete and take the jobs and money away from the existing Arena and move them to this new scheme. This is because there just doesn't seem to be the demand for two arenas. Also during matchdays at Man City FC football ground the traffic in that area is horrendous and I don't think building another large arena would help in this area. Yes the existing Arena may add to some of the congestion in the city but as mentioned above there are a lot more options to ease this congestion whereas there are less options to ease congestion for this new arena which would make the traffic in the area even worse.

I think that it would be more practical and beneficial to the city if it was possible to modernise or potentially expand the existing arena's capacity and facilities to future-proof it for future generations.