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Dear Sir / Madam,

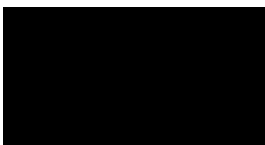
Reference: Planning application number 126431/FO/2020

I write in connection with the above planning application for the erection of a multi-use arena at The Etihad Campus in Manchester. I have examined the plans and wish to offer my support to the proposal, for the following reasons:

1. At GB Taekwondo we are very supportive of sporting developments in Manchester particularly in the Eastlands area close to where we are based. As the full social and economic impact of Covid-19 becomes apparent, Manchester and indeed the sports and entertainment industry will benefit from this £350m private sector investment which includes 3000+ jobs and the £1bn GVA the arena will generate each year.
2. The proposed location is identified as suitable for a major sports or visitor location and that land around the stadium provides an opportunity for 'a leisure, recreation and entertainment visitor attraction of national significance.' We are therefore enthusiastic to potentially bid for more events and to bring more events to Manchester as a consequence of having the additional capacity of a 2nd arena, of which we have major international events scheduled for 2021/22/23 and British Taekwondo (our NGB) hold two major participation events per year.

In such uncertain times we believe that this investment into the Eastlands area will not only benefit Manchester through an increase in jobs and therefore disposable income, but it will also benefit the sports community who wish to host world class sporting events in Manchester.

Yours sincerely,



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