

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: There isn't any need for a second arena. The existing Manchester Arena already has sufficient capacity and is good for concertgoers due to all the surrounding restaurants, pubs, bars and clubs, which are available and who themselves benefit from concertgoers custom before and after any events. There are very few bars and restaurants in the vicinity of the proposed new arena and not likely to be any if even if it is built as unless there is a concert on, there is no reason to visit the area. Any new pubs and restaurants in the area of the new arena would take trade away from city centre pubs and restaurants, many of which might be forced to close.

It is far better to concentrate on the existing arena and surrounding businesses, supporting them, rather than putting them at risk for the sake of an unnecessary new building.

Too many pubs in the area of the proposed new arena would also encourage drinking by football fans increasing trouble before, during and after games.

The proposed new arena would also add to existing traffic problems which occur every time there is a football match. I am subject to these traffic problems due to where I live as there are jams with traffic going to and from the motorway and also jams on the way into town.

The existing arena also benefits from being located next to and above the train station.