

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 the largest arena in the UK, Manchester Arena has been venue to countless musical, sporting and theatrical events. The Arena has served as a platform for enjoyment and culture for years, and has played an integral part in attracting visitors from all over the world. This proposal makes no sense, why does a city with the largest arena in the UK need another one? Especially when research has proven there is no demand for one. To threaten the survival of such an iconic and important venue is to threaten the future of the city itself. Attracting visitors from all over the UK and abroad, the Arena plays a key role in boosting the local economy, and attracting visitors into Manchester city centre. More than this however, Manchester is a city that prides itself on cultural prowess - home to some of the most iconic musical artists in the world. Threatening the future of the Arena with a venue considerable further from the city centre, making it harder to reach by transport and deterring visitors from far away, is completely unethical. To devoid Manchester of this is to strip the city of its wonderful identity, and will undoubtedly change the landscape of the city for the worst. An arena in Manchester belongs where its identity and culture thrives, in its heart.