

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 an ex long term resident of Manchester and a frequent visitor to the area I am aware of the proposed site, and also of the detrimental effect it will have on the viability of the existing Manchester Arena, and it's environs.

Access to the Manchester Arena is extremely easy by frequent public transport (rail, tram and bus), and is a short walk from the city centre. Although services to Eastlands are fairly good, they are inferior to those supporting the existing Manchester Arena, and it is a long walk from the city. People will be more likely to travel by car. This will have an adverse effect on the environment in relation to pollution reduction.

If a scheduled event at the proposed arena clashes with a Manchester City home game there will be chaos, with huge numbers of people vying for space, and public transport systems being unable to cope. It must be recognised that the Premier League changes match dates AFTER the fixture list has been published due to satellite TV companies wish to televise games. It is inevitable that at some point a game would coincide with an arena event.

It would be difficult for the city to support two arenas.

The current Manchester Arena provides custom for local businesses, for example food and drink providers. These businesses would suffer, as would their employees, if visitor numbers were to reduce. The proposed development of the existing Manchester Arena will increase visitor numbers to the arena itself, and also to local businesses.