
Planning Reference 126431/FO/2020

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For whom it may concern,

This note is in reference to the planning application for the development of the OVG New Arena at Eastlands, Manchester. I would hereby like to provide our support for the planning application – **Reference 126431/FO/2020**.

The vision as set out by Oak View Group which involves an investment of £350mIn to develop a world-class arena which would deliver a £1bln of gross value added to the Manchester economy is clearly a very positive development for the city-region.

From a Manchester China Forum perspective, measures that serve to enhance the city-region's position as a world-class destination for music and entertainment productions will have an incredibly beneficial impact on Manchester's growing global reputation. As an aspiring global-city, it is essential that we are able to bolster our world-class assets and reinforce our position both in European and Global terms as a leading cultural and sporting destination. Indeed, Manchester deserves to be able to attract the biggest and best events and I am confident that through the realisation of OVG's vision for the New Arena, the impact on the city's brand and perception will be a very positive one indeed.

Furthermore, given the current impact of COVID19 and the anticipated economic effects, not only does this project provide significant opportunities in terms of short-term job creation, but will also provide a resounding vote of confidence for the city at a period where major private-sector led infrastructure projects are likely to be at a premium. Indeed, our view is that a positive announcement in relation to the development this year would send a very positive message in terms of the continued attractiveness of Manchester to major international investors.

If you should require any further information in relation to our endorsement, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind Regards,

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Executive Director

Manchester China Forum

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