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Re: Application number: 126431/FO/2020

1 message

5 May 2020 at 11:00

[REDACTED]
To: Jennifer Atkinson <j.atkinson@manchester.gov.uk>

Many thanks, Jen.

Yes, my address is:

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[REDACTED]

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

On Tue, 5 May 2020, 10:59 Jennifer Atkinson, <j.atkinson@manchester.gov.uk> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Please can you provide your full address so these can be logged onto our system.

Thanks

Jen

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[Please note I am currently working from home until further notice. I can be contacted directly on my mobile]

On Tue, 5 May 2020 at 10:26, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Jennifer,

I am writing in response to a letter I was sent about Application No.: 126431/FO/2020.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I am surrounded by the Velodrome, the Manchester National Arena and the Etihad Stadium. Matches and tournaments held at these pre-existing venues can often have negative repercussions for local residents. I would therefore like to oppose the building of a further stadium so close by.

I know that many people in the area will be able to recount the times they have been left stranded in Manchester city centre before a match or concert at the Etihad Stadium, or have had to make special

arrangements with their workplace in order to be able to get home at all. The roads and tramways are completely blocked off by tourists and visitors on these days, making things difficult for Manchester residents. Local people must also endure the traffic noise and pollution before and after a match. Drivers attending the events are funnelled into the channels of the narrow surrounding roads with no nature-based solutions as a buffer. As a consequence, the pollutants, including hazardous N2O enter our homes and results in a higher risk of developing asthma and respiratory illness. The proposed arena is likely to bring about an increase in similar issues. I would therefore like to ask how the new stadium would fit into TfGM's Clean Air Plan and how developers are planning to bring GMCA's low-carbon vision in the Five-Year Environment Plan to fruition when this arena would bring even more air pollution to the area.

After certain matches and concerts are over, the homes in the area have had to witness fights – both physical and verbal – aggressive driving and public urination. Yet another arena could also bring about further antisocial behaviour in the area.

I am also disappointed at the effect the proposed new stadium has already had on the area. A flock of [red-listed](#) lapwings have been nesting on the scrubland of the Etihad overflow carpark for many years. I have been watching them for the past four years, since I moved in, but have been told that they have been resident birds since the late nineties by a fellow local birdwatcher. Since the ground-truthing and levelling began several months ago, the lapwings have disappeared and have not come back to nest there for the first time in possibly 20+ years. This is not an uncommon story where building is involved, but it is still a disappointing one. Under the recommendations of biodiversity net gain set out in the Environment Bill, how are you planning to replenish local wildlife and make up for this depletion of nature in the Manchester area?

I believe there is also some confusion as to why another venue is needed in an area already famous for its sporting arenas.

I hope you can reconsider building another stadium in this area as the effects of traffic pollution, overcrowding and wildlife depletion have already been severe.

Yours sincerely,

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