

Comments for Planning Application 143024/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 143024/FO/2025

Address: Sister Plot C Former Umist Campus Altrincham Street Manchester M1 7JA

Proposal: Phased development comprising: Phase A - demolition of existing buildings and structures, erection of a basement (C1 Building and C2 Building) and a podium across lower ground and upper ground floors comprising flexible commercial space (Class E and/or Sui Generis drinking establishment), erection of a building (C1 Building) to form offices (Class E), landscaping works, highways, access, servicing, infrastructure and other associated works; |cr|Phase B: erection of a podium across lower ground and upper ground floors and a new building (C2 Building) to form offices (Class E) and flexible commercial and community uses (Class E, F2 and/or Sui Generis drinking establishment), alterations to the existing Sculptural Wall (Hollaway Wall), relocation of existing art work, landscaping works, highways, access, servicing, infrastructure and other associated works; |cr|Phase C - change of use and associated works to railway Viaduct arches to form flexible commercial units (Class E, and/ or Sui Generis - drinking establishment) including highways, access and servicing arrangements, 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:For a site of such considerable architectural heritage, the application provides insufficient justification for the necessity of wholesale demolition of all these buildings. Demolition should always be considered a last resort, particularly when dealing with large-scale developments involving numerous structures. The proposal appears to be a convenient, rather than necessary, solution, minimising the environmental and heritage benefits of adaptive reuse. Sustainable development principles advocate for the retention and repurposing of existing structures to reduce embodied carbon and minimise waste, considerations that appear to be undervalued in this comprehensive demolition proposal.