

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:As a regular visitor to Manchester, it lacks green spaces compared to other cities. Umist campus is an oasis of calm with unified yet contrasting architecture and a landscape that has now reached maturity and is home to wildlife. On my last visit I quickly counted 8 different bird species amongst the wide variety of trees.

The buildings are not overpowering and well designed. They could be refitted for modern purposes rather than demolished. The environment costs of demolition alongside the loss of mid century style seem ignored. Good example of architecture from all eras should be preserved and Umist is a great example of mid century campus design. Manchester is in great danger of losing its identity with acres of glass high rise buildings.

If the developers are determined to rebuild some buildings, please keep to the original footprints and height also retain the landscape especially the trees and butterfly staircase which is a beautiful feature.