

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: The UMIST campus is not merely a collection of buildings; it is a cohesive and architecturally significant ensemble representing a vital chapter in Manchester's post-war urban and educational development. They retain a high degree of architectural integrity, and the campus as a cohesive whole is an important architectural landmark.

The proposed demolition would erase a critical part of Manchester's modern heritage. It would not only destroy individual buildings of merit, but also dismantle a rare surviving example of unified post-war campus design.

There is also a pressing sustainability concern. Demolishing solidly constructed buildings to make way for new developments generates significant carbon emissions. Retaining and repurposing existing structures aligns with Manchester's stated climate commitments and is a more environmentally responsible course of action.