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RE: Project Taverna, Etihad Campus Transport Capacity

The Travel & Transport Management Plan for the Etihad Campus demonstrates that the surrounding highway network and established transport infrastructure are capable of accommodating additional visitor demand associated with Project Taverna. The estimated uplift in car trips associated with Project Taverna is negligible in the context of the existing event and non-event traffic movements managed across the Campus

The Management Plan sets out a comprehensive package of transport measures already in operation across the Etihad Campus, including coordinated event-day traffic management, stewarding and directional signing, controlled parking arrangements, dedicated taxi and pick-up/drop-off areas, and close liaison with Transport for Greater Manchester and Greater Manchester Police. The Campus also benefits from excellent accessibility by sustainable transport modes, including the Metrolink network, high-frequency bus services, walking and cycling routes, and extensive wayfinding infrastructure designed to reduce reliance on private car travel.

In addition, the Plan confirms that the Campus transport strategy has been developed to safely and efficiently accommodate significantly larger peaks in demand associated with football matches, concerts and other major events. Existing highway mitigation measures, signal-controlled junctions, Traffic Regulation Orders, and managed ingress/egress procedures provide substantial operational resilience within the local network. Against this background, the modest increase in vehicle trips associated with Project Taverna would represent an immaterial addition to overall traffic flows and can therefore be accommodated without resulting in any significant impact on highway capacity, safety or the effectiveness of the wider Etihad Campus transport management arrangements.