

Planners recommend approval of new Edinburgh Arena

The plans for the proposed 8,500 seat Edinburgh Arena to be built at Edinburgh Park have been recommended for approval by planning officers.

The plans for the bowl auditorium will come before councillors at a meeting next Wednesday when there will be a full hearing expected to last around three hours.

Alistair Wood, Executive Vice President, Real Estate and Development, AEG Europe said: "We're delighted that the proposals for a new Arena in Edinburgh are recommended for approval, and we look forward to presenting the facts about the proposals at committee and answering any questions elected members may have. This reflects months of consultation and discussion with the public and key stakeholders prior to the application being submitted and a positive ongoing dialogue with all throughout the application process. This is the most sustainable site available, and we're determined to enhance Edinburgh as a venue for live music and other events. We are hopeful the Planning Committee will support the officers' recommendations."

The plans include an arena next to road, tram, bus and rail links with associated restaurants, cafés and hot food concessions. It is expected that around 245 jobs could be created by erecting the new building on this gap site.

The plans include 78 cycle parking spaces in Sheffield Stands

and the plan is to have a canopy cover or enclosure over the cycle park.

The planners conclude as follows: “

The proposal complies with the development plan and the principle of development is acceptable in this location. The proposal will be in a sustainable location and will contribute to compact urban growth, local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods. A wider mix of uses will be achieved in Edinburgh Park. It will contribute to climate change and mitigation and will be energy efficient. There will not be an unreasonable loss of neighbouring amenity and future occupiers will have a satisfactory environment, with the use of conditions. There are no issues regarding archaeology or airport safety with the use of conditions. The proposal will encourage the use of sustainable transport modes and the use of conditions relating to cycle and pedestrian paths and queue management will mitigate the impact on roads and paths and at the public transport stops. Public safety and equalities matters have been considered and mitigation secured through planning conditions. The proposal is acceptable. There are no other material considerations that outweigh this conclusion.”



