

Comments for Planning Application 143413/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 143413/FO/2025

Address: Land Bound By Longford Road, Peveril Crescent, Rye Bank Road And Longford Park (commonly Referred To As Ryebank Fields) Manchester M21 9WW

Proposal: Change of use of former university playing fields to community woodland and meadow.

Case Officer: Robert Griffin

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this proposal which is effectively a continuation of the land's current use, with added accessibility and nature protection and recovery value.

Nature Conservation

Nature space is vanishingly rare in Manchester, the city is becoming intolerable to live in and we know better than to build over these spaces at a time we need them more than ever.

I have walked on Ryebank Fields with a number of experienced ecologists who have all been amazed at what the Fields have to offer - they punch way above their ecological weight.

I imagine it would be very difficult to justify refusing this Planning application permission on planning grounds, the impacts are only positive and the only possible alternative use would be much more appropriately provided elsewhere without the devastating impact on the community the loss of the Fields would be.

Manchester's brownfield land bank is double what is needed to meet housing targets, whilst greenfield spaces are vanishing and at a premium, and most definitely shouldn't be sacrificed for private housing developments built for profit.

Community Asset value

Aside from the intrinsic Nature Conservation value of the proposal, the importance of the community value of the Fields in and of itself and in relation to the nature offer are undisputed. The Friends of Ryebank's Fields proposal to allocate the land as Local Green Space sets this out in very clear and numerical terms. In addition, over 3,500 people have signed a petition to this effect.

This land is a valuable and unique community asset, and the mental and physical health of 100s if not 1000s of individuals depends on it.

Thanks for providing the opportunity to comment.