

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to register my support for this planning application. Protecting and preserving Ryebank Fields as a community woodland and meadow will help to alleviate the biodiversity crisis and will improve access to nature for the local and wider communities of Manchester. It will demonstrate that Manchester City Council can engage with local communities during planning considerations, this is essential to ensure sustainable, liveable environments are created.

Whilst recognising the demand for housing, there are many Brownfield sites in the Chorlton area that are far more suitable for housing development. Manchester City Council has a published policy of prioritising Brownfield sites for development and Ryebank Fields is a Greenfield site. This is the third occasion in 30 years that Manchester Metropolitan University has attempted to sell public land that was gifted to them to be used for sports and recreational activities. Their pursuit of profit over environmental and ecological concerns is at odds with their claims to be a sustainable organisation. Left to nature Ryebank Fields has evolved into a beautiful, open green space and is much loved and cherished by the Chorlton and Stretford communities, if it is lost it can never be replaced. Please consider the environment, the wildlife inhabitants and biodiversity of Ryebank Fields and approve this planning application.