

# 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: Planning reference 143413/FO/2025

I am writing to support this application for the following reasons:

### Protection of greenfield space

In a climate emergency it is essential to protect existing greenfield land. Ryebank Fields is rich in biodiversity and the plan supports its protection and would help it to thrive. The adjacent area of Longford Park is recognised to be poor in biodiversity and a protected area of Ryebank Fields would give more opportunities to enhance it.

During periods of more extreme weather, the value of the fields is a stark reminder of the need for more green space. During heatwaves, there is a noticeable cooler climate (giving a chance to exercise outdoors). Similarly, in periods of very heavy rain, the fields act as a sponge, reducing the risk of local flooding.

### Local value

Living very near to the fields, I visit regularly with my family and we all gain significantly from enjoying the contact with nature. It provides physical and mental health benefits and is well used by the community for recreation. The fields have helped to build a stronger community, with events such as Carol singing, night walks and Wasailing.

Seeing how my children relax in the fields, play and explore has convinced me of the importance of more wild spaces. I feel the plan would support and enhance all these aspects.

As a local resident, I would be delighted and proud for this application to be successful. Indeed, as the land was previously publicly owned, it should remain a community asset. I also argue that we

have a duty to protect our greenfield spaces for younger and future generations, who will be most affected by this decision and who are unable to make their case.