

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 wish to support the Alternative Planning Application to retain Ryebank Fields as a community woodland and meadows.

Ryebank Fields provides clear benefits to residents that are difficult to replace elsewhere:

* Biodiversity & habitat connectivity: The mosaic of meadow, scrub and mature trees supports pollinators, birds and small mammals and links neighbouring green spaces, strengthening nature corridors.

* Climate resilience: Established soils, trees and long grassland store carbon and help mitigate urban heat. Permeable ground also supports natural drainage and flood attenuation for surrounding streets.

* Public health & equality of access: Informal paths and open space provide everyday opportunities for walking, play and nature connection-important free amenities in a densely populated area.

* Community value: The site hosts regular volunteering and education activities and is demonstrably well-used and well-loved, aligning with place-making and community-led objectives.

* Sustainability first: Retaining high-quality existing green infrastructure avoids biodiversity loss and the carbon cost of land clearance; alternative brownfield locations are more appropriate for development.

As a resident of Longford Road for 25+ years I have personally experienced the gradual rewinding of Ryebank Fields. In particular the Fields were an important green space for myself and my family during the dark days of the COVID pandemic.

Please approve the APA so Ryebank Fields can be secured and enhanced as community woodland and meadow for current and future residents.