

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: Why I Support the Alternative Plan for Ryebank Fields

I live nearby and care deeply about Ryebank Fields, which has always been a special place for our community. I support the alternative proposal because it protects what makes the area so valuable - its wildlife, open space, and sense of shared ownership.

The fields are rich in nature, and surveys by the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit show their ecological importance has been underestimated. This plan puts biodiversity and conservation first, which is exactly what we need at a time of rapid urban development.

I'm also worried about contamination. The Environment Agency has raised real concerns about the safety of developing housing here. Keeping the land in its natural state avoids these risks and protects public health.

The proposal also respects the site's existing infrastructure, avoiding the disruption and cost that new building would bring. Most importantly, it reflects how local people already use and love Ryebank Fields - for walking, fresh air, exercise, and community connection.

This land was originally gifted for public benefit, and I believe its future should stay that way - for people, nature, and the generations to come.