

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 wish to support the above-referenced planning application for the following reasons:

- Ryebank Fields is really close to a large primary school, and its pupils would benefit from a community woodland and meadow to play in before and after school; the school could use it for several projects and activities too, and RF would contribute to improving air quality near the school.
- While the nearby Longford Park is relatively well-manicured, Ryebank Fields offers a wide array of ecosystem services beyond a typical park, such as acting as a significant carbon store, significantly lowering urban temperatures, and providing a more diverse habitat for wildlife (in the UK, habitat loss is a major reason for declining wildlife populations and species at risk of extinction).
- Maintaining Ryebank Fields as a community wildlife resource would also improve the air quality in the whole area, which is really close to the M60, M62, and M56 (very busy motorways) and to main Manchester arteries (Chester Road, Edge Lane, Wilbraham Road, etc.).
- Ryebank Fields is land that brings local people together, where people gather to watch wildlife, where people walk dogs regularly, pick berries, or simply enjoy nature together.
- Ryebank Fields protect the local community from flooding due to the site's role as a natural flood sink.