

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 am strongly in favour of this proposal from the Friends of Ryebank Fields, which seeks to save a small haven of biodiversity in an area where it is much needed.

Building on this site would be disastrous for a number of reasons:

In terms of localised flooding, the land currently provides an essential flood plain when there is heavy rain.

Building a housing complex on this land would add significantly to traffic congestion on nearby streets.

We know that the land below the surface is polluted, many tests have been done to prove this. Excavating tonnes of toxic waste would negatively impact people living nearby, and would especially affect the children at the school next door - as they would be breathing in toxic dust.

Many local people living around Ryebank Fields, including myself and my family, derive a huge amount of enjoyment and wellbeing spending time on the fields, and have done for many years. It is a small haven in a busy city, where people can find peace and quiet.

It is also a haven for a multitude of insects, butterflies, birds, and other wild animals, trees, plants and flowers, which we need to protect and encourage in a world where species are dying out due to climate change.

In addition, the land is of historical importance, containing the famous Nico's Ditch

It is quite unbelievable that anyone would want to build in this location, especially when there are numerous brown field sites on which they could build instead. It should be saved for the benefit of people and nature.