

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 neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly support this proposal. I live 5mins walk away and regularly use Ryebank Fields for wellbeing time in nature, exercise, and for my children to explore, play and climb trees. We need green wild spaces, hyperlocal to many, without need to drive far to experience nature. Ryebank Fields offers a rich experience of nature whilst being close to many homes and families, and is an entirely different experience from the neighbouring Longford Park.

The space enables community leadership, cohesion and interaction, plus artistic and environmental initiatives. It would be a genuine loss if this were discontinued- such activity and resource should be increased across Manchester, not cut.

The Fields offer habitats for a range of wildlife, which should be of intrinsic value in this urban neighbourhood, but for me is of value due to the educational and wellbeing impacts upon me and my family. With increased housing planned for Chorlton and Manchester, we need more such spaces, not less.

The Fields are over land with unknown and potentially toxic waste, and leaving this undisturbed is the safest solution for all us neighbours.

The current use, and this proposal, result in use of the land for a range of needs but without any associated car use, since locals walk there and it attracts people who do not drive there. Any other use would have major increases in traffic, on roads that are already congested at key times and unsafe for juvenile cyclists. Keep the Fields and neighbourhood safe, green, clean and an asset to the community.