

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 believe that continuing to preserve the rewilded space of Ryebank Fields, rather than turning it into yet another expensive student living area, would offer the greatest benefits to the locals of the area. Immense effort has gone into the restoration of Ryebank Fields, and the inherent value and worth in terms of biodiversity, natural wellbeing, public access etc must not be overlooked. We need beautiful and accessible wild spaces in our cities; both for their benefits to our mental and physical health, but in creating resilience to a warming region and more tumultuous climatic conditions.

The proposal put forth by the Friends of Ryebank Fields offers a promising alternative vision that can put wellbeing and the protection of the natural world over short-term profit seeking motives. MMU as the landholder does not have the right to stamp out such a beautiful part of the fabric of our city, either ethically or legally, given the technicalities of their lease.

Woodlands and meadows can educate us, safeguard us and enrich us if given the chance.