

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 strongly support this application, which recognises the huge value that this land has for local communities in Chorlton and Stretford and beyond. I have been bringing my children here to connect with nature and experience a bit of unmanaged wilderness on our doorstep for years. They play much more imaginatively in natural surroundings than they ever do in a park and we all love listening to the birds, experiencing the peace and quiet and feeling soothed by nature's ability to regenerate itself when allowed to thrive. We have attended community festivals, singing events, guided walks, bat walks, craft sessions and poetry readings at Ryebank Fields and there is nowhere like it that we can access without getting in a car. It's incredibly precious to us and I usually bump into local people there who I have met through events on the fields or through the campaign to save them. I support this community-led proposal to protect and serve the land we all love, and urge planning officers to make a reality of Manchester's biodiversity strategy, which seeks to actively engage communities with the protection of nature and the mitigation of the climate crisis. Ryebank Fields is a rare example of urban Rewilding in the heart of a city that is growing grey skyscrapers. It is widely recognised how valuable nature is for mental and physical health. The strength of community opposition to any building on the land and the fierce desire to protect is as a community resource show just how meaningful it is to the residents who are lucky enough to live nearby.