

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: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong support for the alternative planning application proposing the retention of Ryebank Fields as a community woodland and meadow.

Ryebank Fields is a cherished green space that holds significant ecological, social, and cultural value for the local community. I urge the Council to consider the following reasons in favour of preserving this area:

Biodiversity Protection: The site supports a diverse range of plant and animal species. Its preservation would contribute to Manchester's ecological network and help safeguard local biodiversity.

Climate and Air Quality Benefits: As a natural carbon sink, Ryebank Fields plays a role in mitigating climate change and improving air quality. This is especially important given the serious public health threat posed by air pollution, which is estimated to contribute to 30,000 deaths annually in the UK ¹. Preserving green spaces like Ryebank Fields can help reduce local air pollution and protect vulnerable populations.

Community Health and Wellbeing: Access to green spaces is essential for mental and physical health. Ryebank Fields offers a peaceful retreat for residents, promoting wellbeing and social cohesion.

Educational Opportunities: The site has potential to serve as an outdoor learning environment for

schools, universities, and community groups, fostering environmental awareness and engagement.

Cultural and Historical Significance: Ryebank Fields has long been valued by residents and represents a legacy of community activism and care. Its preservation respects this heritage and the wishes of many local stakeholders.

I believe that retaining Ryebank Fields as a community woodland and meadow is a forward-thinking decision that reflects the values of sustainability, inclusivity, and long-term public benefit. I respectfully urge the Council to support this alternative application.