



(Case Ref: AW28890)

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Good Morning

Thank you for your email. I have received hundreds of emails from constituents about Ryebank Fields and have already submitted objections to both Trafford and Manchester Councils.

This week I have submitted the following in response to the Item on the Planning Committee meeting of 22nd September 2026.

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As a Member of Parliament, I do not routinely comment on individual planning applications. However, the exceptional strength of feeling expressed by constituents, and the considerable number of representations made in relation to this application, mean that I believe it is important to make my position clear. I therefore formally object to this application.

I submitted an objection on 14 March 2025, and I wish to confirm that this objection remains firmly in place.

I understand that the application is due to be considered on 22 September under the arrangements for Delegation of Discharge of Planning Function. While I recognise the comments made by planning officers and the established practice of coordinating cross-boundary applications, I do not believe that those considerations should take precedence over the legitimate concerns of the communities directly affected by this proposal.

Given the scale and strength of local opposition, I strongly believe that this application should be determined by Councillors rather than under delegated powers.

Residents have put considerable time, effort and energy into understanding the proposals, raising their concerns and making representations. They have a reasonable expectation that those concerns will be given proper democratic consideration. It would be deeply disappointing if, having engaged so extensively with the planning process, they were effectively denied the opportunity to have their case heard by elected Councillors.

This is my original objection:

I wish to object to the proposal to defer the decision making regarding the above planning application to Manchester City Council.

While the main application is within Manchester boundaries, and the question of development therefore a matter for them, any decision around the proposed access route in Trafford should be made by Trafford's Planning Committee with the best interests of Trafford in mind.

The proposed access route has been modified from providing access for 85 to 33 households, but remains an access route nonetheless. This access route will be the responsibility of Trafford, but we will receive no funding or support for its upkeep, and no Council Tax from any new properties. There is therefore no upside for Trafford in permitting this access route.

I have also been contacted by numerous residents who are concerned that the proposed access will mean large scale disruption during the construction process, and a long-term increase in traffic from new residents using the road to access their homes. The wide-ranging implications of the proposed access route can only be fairly considered by Trafford elected representatives.

Residents are also extremely concerned about the loss of a Trafford non-designated Heritage Asset in Ryebank Community Gardens. To defer this decision to Manchester City Council would deny residents their rightful voice to express their concerns, which are unlikely to be fully considered if the decision is deferred to Manchester.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Western". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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