[Name]

 [Address- include postcode]

 [Date]

Dear Councillor [ insert name]

RE: RYEBANK FIELDS

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the proposed development on Ryebank Fields.

My main concerns lie within the following areas [please delete any sections that do not apply to you]

1. Traffic. The roads surrounding the Fields are narrow and already congested, particularly at peak times. There are cars parked on each side of the narrow roads, in some cases preventing vehicles or cyclists passing and causing frequent conflict. There are two schools adjacent to Fields and traffic worsening at peak times is likely to be a considerable safety issue.
2. Flooding. Houses and leisure areas near to the Fields are already subject to flooding when there is heavy rainfall. These Fields provide a natural flood defence and their removal will worsen this existing issue.
3. Air pollution. The streets surrounding these Fields are already above the 85th percentile for pollution in the UK and exceed multiple WHO air pollution limits. A development on Ryebank Fields will result in more cars and increased congestion on these small roads and will worsen this existing issue. This is concerning for residents and children who attend the two adjacent schools. www.addresspollution.org
4. Loss of green space, biodiversity and effect on climate. We are in a biodiversity and climate emergency. MCC should not allow for a precious natural rewilded space, home to multiple species of flora and fauna and a significant carbon sink to be destroyed when there are existing Brownfield sites in the area which are yet to be developed. The Manchester Core Strategy highlighted the need to preserve all natural and semi natural green spaces in the South of the city and the Local Plan consultation received an overwhelming response that Ryebank Fields should be protected as an important Local Green Space.

I would also like to highlight additional concerns [See FAQs, Responding to Consultation, History and Ecology tabs on website for further ideas. If no additional concerns, then delete this box]

I would be grateful if you would forward my concerns to the relevant Planning Officers, Committee Members and other appropriate parties.

Kind regards,

[Insert name]