



Mayfield Park is Growing: Consultation on Phase 1b Submission on behalf of the Ramblers

Plans are being developed for the first new homes to be built at Mayfield and a major extension of Mayfield Park. LandsecU+I, the developers of this phase have asked for views on the proposals.

The consultation was via an online survey the text of our response is reproduced below:

Overall, what is your current opinion of the transformation of Mayfield so far?

Very Good

Which of these phrases best describes your opinion of the proposal to extend the park by 2.5 acres and add informal play areas, shaded spots, and ever-green plants and trees?

Strongly Support

Please tell us your opinions of the proposals to extend the park and why you feel that way?

Access to green space and opportunities to walk in nature is very important for physical and mental health and the creation of more green space in the city is essential for nature recovery and biodiversity.

Which elements, if any, of the proposals to extend the park are most important to you? (a list of options were presented)

Of the options presented most important for us would be New Walking and Cycling Routes.

If you selected 'Something else' please provide more details here

We should add that we would want to see connections to a wider network of walking and cycling routes and a commitment from the partnership and the developers to invest in public realm, infrastructure and signage.

Which of these phrases best describes your opinion of the design of Building K/Building J

As the Ramblers we don't have particular views on the design of the buildings, but..

Please tell us your opinion of the building designs and why you feel that way?

We will want to see the full details of modelling of the sunshine and shade effects of the buildings and of the modelling of the wind effects – particularly with regard to the effects on the experience of walking in the park and on the development of the flora on the park.

The buildings will include ground-floor space that will include amenities for residents and the local community. If you live nearby, visit Mayfield or see yourself living or working here in the future, what amenities would you like to see included? (A list of options is provided)

As we will be mainly visitors, then cafes and similar would be most relevant.

What other amenities would you like?

Nothing to add

In the long term there is an aspiration to improve connections between Mayfield Park and Ardwick. This could include the creation of a pedestrian crossing at an appropriate place across the Mancunian Way. Which of these phrases best describes your opinion of creating a pedestrian crossing that would help connect Mayfield Park and Ardwick?

Strongly Support.

If you wish, please use the space below to tell us more.

We have been strong advocates of improving wider connections on foot from the neighbouring areas to the park, so we are strongly in favour of a crossing of the Mancunian Way. Indeed, we believe that there should be a clear a commitment from the partnership and the developers to make the investment necessary to make this a reality.

Moreover, we note that in the Screening and Scoping Report the Lower Medlock Valley is recognised as an important green space close to the development relevant to the health of the potential occupants. We strongly believe that there should also be a commitment from the partnership and the developers to invest in public realm, infrastructure and signage to create an attractive route from the park to the Lower Medlock Valley.

We note that the development of phase 1a may also proceed shortly and as part of our comments on that planning application we argued for improvements to Baring Street and the London Road junction. We would welcome the opportunity to engage with the relevant project team.

The developers of Mayfield Park wish to conduct some co-creation sessions where they can meet with stakeholders and other interested parties to collaborate on the designs. Would you be interested in taking part in a co-creation session?

Yes, Particularly on walking routes and connections.

Please use the space below to make any further comments about the proposals or this consultation.

There will also be a need to carefully manage the construction phase so as not to have a detrimental effect on the park and its surroundings nor detract from the experience of walking to and through the park.

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