

Barton Area Action Plan & Ruskin Fields – Explanatory Note

Status of the Ruskin Fields proposals:

The Barton Area Action Plan Preferred Options document was published for public consultation on 13 May 2011. The consultation ended on 24 June.

The document includes a separate section on proposals by Ruskin College for Ruskin Fields. It is made clear that the proposals have a different status from the others included in the document. The proposals are being promoted by the landowner – not by the City Council. The document also explains that the Ruskin Fields proposals have not been developed with the same ongoing and close involvement of the local community that helped shape the rest of the preferred options, nor are they underpinned by comparable evidence.

The City Council simply wanted to hear peoples' views; including the Ruskin Fields proposals within the Area Action Plan has provided people with an important opportunity to comment.

Next steps:

In October this year the City Council will decide on the content of its Proposed Submission document for the Barton Area Action Plan. The document will set out draft policies and the public and stakeholders will be asked for their comments. Then, early in 2012, the Council will decide on the content of the Area Action Plan that it submits to the Secretary of State. The Council's decision on adoption of the Area Action Plan will take place in autumn 2012.

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