

Dear Sir

I am a resident having lived for close to 25 years a little over one mile from the “Pinkham Woods” location. Throughout this time I have retained an interest and overall level of concern at the availability of, and the occasional loss, of open green space available for residents and visitors to the area.

Initially this was from a general interest enhanced by later developments and understanding: of the importance of exercise to health; biodiversity to our wellbeing and potentially survival; and the benefits of green cover in the mitigation of the effects of climate change. Such factors meant our finite open green space seems to me an asset to be protected as of default with change only in the most incontestable circumstance.

Since learning somewhat late in the process of the waste plans for North London and the impact on the local “Pinkham Woods” site specifically I have sought to understand the rationale behind its proposed destruction and personally concluded that there is none worthy of the act.

I support the modification to SP8 made by the Inspector. It would be welcome if the final report reflected that the Pinkham Way site is not an established industrial site. I believe a statement to this effect would remove ambiguity as to its status.

I would also welcome a statement in the report that the site is open space and that it is not brownfield/previously developed land. It is excluded from this definition under the London Plan and the NPPF definitions of previously developed land in submitted evidence I had the opportunity to read.

I consider that the protection of the SINC status of the Pinkham Way site has been weakened. In the UDP it stated that development would be allowed on the site **provided there was no impact on the nature conservation value of the site**. This direct proviso has been delinked in the new strategy and reworded. I would like to see an unambiguous protection of SINCS within the Biodiversity Policy.

There is real, although often intangible, value in our open green spaces. Those identifies as being of the highest category to a Borough and therefore its near neighbours in particular are worthy of suitable protection within the planning processes.

Yours faithfully

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