

**From: Barry James**

**10 November 2011**

Dear Haringey Borough Council,

The Haringey Council Cabinet debated, and subsequently approved, the NLWP on 8th February 2011. Pinkham Wood ( the former Friern Barnet Sewage Works also known as Pinkham Way) was specifically discussed during the debate and council official Marc Dorfman was invited to comment by the Chair.

During his briefing to the members, Mr Dorfman said “the site is designated in the Haringey UDP as an Employment site and a site appropriate for waste”.

I am unable to find the reference in the Haringey UDP that the site is “a site appropriate for waste”. Please indicate where in the Haringey UDP this reference can be found.

Yours faithfully,  
Barry James

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**From: FOI  
Haringey Borough Council**

**15 November 2011**

Dear Mr James,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 11.11.2011.

Although you have indicated that you wish to make a request for information, further to your 'right to know' contained in section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), your email contains an enquiry rather than a specific request for recorded information held by Haringey Council.

Guidance given by the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) states that requests which are not for recorded information, but instead ask questions, such as "please explain your policy on x" or "please explain your decision to do y" are not requests for recorded information and therefore should be treated as routine correspondence."

The ICO has produced guidance for people who wish to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, you can access it by following this link:

[1]<http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/l...>

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I have forwarded your enquiry to Planning Team for response as routine correspondence.

Regards,

Ms Sirkku Pietik inen | Feedback Review Officer | Haringey Council |  
Feedback & Information Governance Team | 020 8489 2552

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**From: Barry James**

**17 November 2011**

Dear FOI,

Mr Dorfman made a clear (its on the web cast) and unequivocal reference about a published document - the UDP. All I want is the reference point for a published document so that I can check the accuracy of his reference.

What I am asking for is the place (on the website) where you keep the recorded information to which Mr Dorfman referred.

Yours sincerely,

Barry James

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**From: Barry James**

**26 April 2012**

Dear Haringey Borough Council,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Haringey Borough Council's handling of my FOI request "Pinkham Wood is a site appropriate for Waste".

This is a long outstanding request and it needs to be responded to properly to close the request on your records.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

<http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/pi...>

Yours faithfully,

Barry James

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**Alan Stanton left an annotation (27 April 2012)**

Dear Mr James,

Okay, the F.o.I legislation does not require Haringey to act as your researchers. And I accept that they don't want to set a precedent.

So if it helps, I'm happy to put this down as a councillor's question at a Council meeting. Because I really cannot understand why they resist helping you.

It seems to be in the general interest of all Haringey residents to have an elected Council committed to and practising openness, transparency and democratic accountability. And if they say the information is available, why not make it available to you and - through this website and Haringey's website - to any interested members of the public?

I may be wrong, but it seems to me this would save a lot of wasteful faffing around. Involving their time, your time and the time of the Information Commissioner.

Alan Stanton  
Tottenham Hale ward councillor

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**From: FOI  
Haringey Borough Council**

**27 April 2012**

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Dear Mr James

Thank you for your email dated 26 April 2012.

As you were advised in the attached response, your enquiry was forwarded to the Planning Team for a response to be sent as routine correspondence (within 10 working days). We sincerely apologise for the delay. I have referred this to the Planning Team for a response to be sent to you as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Jane Selby | Feedback Review Officer | Haringey Council | Feedback & Information  
Governance Team | 020 8489 2550

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**From: LDF**  
**Haringey Borough Council**

**14 June 2012**

Dear Mr James,

The Council apologises for the considerable delay in responding to your enquiry below.

Further to your re-submission of the request below, which we believed had been addressed within the meeting with Marc Dorfman and myself on 17<sup>th</sup> January, where we discussed in detail the issues surrounding the former Friern Barnet sewage works at Pinkham Way.

The designation of the Pinkham Way site is Defined Employment Area – employment location within the UDP 2006. This is specifically referred to in the policy EMP3 – Employment Locations, p90 of the UDP 2006 which seeks the protection of Employment Locations as identified in Schedule 3 and on the proposals map for employment generating uses. These are a wide range of employment generating uses.

The designation as a defined employment area includes B use classes. When a designation includes B use classes this can also include waste management use, it is this employment generating use and the proposed designation as LSIS (Locally Significant Industrial Site that to in general terms Mr Dorfman would have been referring.

Following the proposed submission Core Strategy consultation in May/June 2010, the Council considered it was important to provide further clarification on its employment designations to provide a positive strategic policy for safeguarding employment land, in order to meet our future requirements and to provide locally based employment across the borough up to 2026.

Therefore, an initial review was carried out which assessed all of the borough's defined employment areas and identified some DEAs that would benefit from having their designations changed to adapt to the changing environment around them, as well as to acknowledge the uses already there. The review also identified sites that require stronger protection to ensure there are sufficient sites to accommodate B uses. These proposed changes were consulted upon in November/December 2010, alongside the changes to SP2 Housing.

The evidence to support the continued designation of the Former Friern Barnet Sewage Works Site is within the Employment Study Update (2008). The findings of the Study clearly state that all designated defined employment areas should be protected which strongly encourage the intensification and improvement of existing employment areas. Therefore, taking into account the exacerbated economic downturn, the Council will continue to protect Council employment land.

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The practical effect of the reclassification of DEA6 from an employment designation which includes A, B and D use classes to Locally Significant Industrial Sites, which identifies sites most appropriate for B use class, was specifically to promote land use other than retail, community, leisure and creative and cultural industries that would undermine the boroughs town centres within the borough.

The reference to B class uses does no more than confirm the Council's views for the need to increase the protection to be afforded to this site, that will discourage town centre type of uses, and affording stronger protection to the site for use as B use classes.

The Employment Study Update (2008) recommended that the Council considered the criteria guide by the Mayors Industrial Capacity SPG to identify Locally Significant Employment Locations. It stated that Haringey employment land available is fit for purpose and should be retained for employment use. This reflects the recommendation of the Employment Study Update (2008) for the identified need for more B1 and B8 floorspace.

Yours sincerely,

Jill

Jill Warren | Planning Officer

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**Alan Stanton left an annotation (15 June 2012)**

Dear Mr James, just to confirm that the first ordinary Council meeting in the new Municipal Year is on 16 July 2012. Please get back to me if you think I can be helpful.

I've read the response belatedly provided by Haringey. As a local councillor I'm puzzled that, if the information you requested had already been supplied to you (at a private meeting with Mr Marc Dorfman on 17 January 2012) this straightforward response was not given to your F.o.I request.

In general, I am hopeful that senior local Government staff will appreciate the value of this website in increasing transparency of decision-making and democratic accountability.

Best wishes. Alan Stanton

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**From: Barry James**

**28 June 2012**

Dear LDF,

With reference to your response dated 14th June:

(a) the meeting to which you refer did not deal with this question in any way - the meeting was not for me or dealing with my agenda and my attendance was to support a neighbour who had asked you for the meeting, who had her own points to make and who asked me to attend to help her since her english is so poor.

Mr Dorfman clearly stated to the council members that Pinkham Way was designated in the UDP . . . . . as being suitable for waste.

Please see the relevant podcast for evidence of this situation.

The question is very simple and requires a direct and very short response - 'Please indicate where in the UDP Pinkham Way is designated as "suitable for waste", as suggested by Mr Dorfman in the council meeting.

Yours sincerely,  
Barry James