

Dear Sir,

I have been a resident in Bounds Green for the last 20 years, both my children attended St Martin of Porres school in Blake Road and I work at Alexandra Park School. Living and working in this area I have been closely monitoring the plans for the Pinkham Way site with growing concern, especially with the proximity to local schools and residential properties and the inevitable impact a massive waste plant would have on the area. Pinkham Way is a precious area of green space which sits in a highly residential area of North London already blighted by the North Circular road and needs to be protected.

I support the modification to SP8 made by the Inspector. However, it would be helpful if your report reflected the evidence given at the hearing by the Council, that the Pinkham Way site is not an established industrial site. I believe a statement to this effect would remove the ambiguity as to the status of this Employment Land site.

I would welcome a statement in your report that the site is open space and that it is not brownfield/previously developed land because it is excluded from this definition under the London Plan and the NPPF definitions of previously developed land. Evidence was produced to support that at the inquiry which was not disputed by the Council.

I consider that the protection of the SINC status on Pinkham Way site has been weakened. In the UDP it stated 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 unambiguous protection of SINC's within the Biodiversity Policy (rather than the narrative to this policy). For example, in the policy box, after the statement: All development shall protect and improve sites of biodiversity and nature conservation etc., add a fourth bullet point to the effect:

- “The Council will not permit development on SINC's and LNR's unless there are exceptional circumstances and where the importance of any development coming forward outweighs the nature conservation value of the site”.

The rest of the modification, ie “in such circumstances” etc. to remain in 6.3.23 as narrative.

I would like to suggest one further minor amendment to paragraph 6.3.23 – that the last sentence reads “SINC's within the borough include Bluebell Wood, Muswell Hill Golf Course, Former Friern Barnet Sewage Works (Pinkham Way), Hollickwood Park, Tottenham Cemetery and Bruce Castle Park. “ I suggest this because these first four SINC's are directly geographically linked to each other and it would be appropriate to mention them together. Dropping any one of them seems inappropriate.

Proposal Maps, 7, 16 and 24 need changing to reflect your decision not to permit the redesignation to LSIS.

Yours faithfully  
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