

Consultation on the inspector's Main Modifications (REF PE-28)

Dear Sirs

I recently moved from South London to North London and have invested all of my capital into the purchase of a property in Alexandra Park Road. It is therefore important to me that both my family's quality of life is preserved and that my investment does not lose value.

Because of this, I am absolutely shocked at the Council's plans to build a large waste plant on a site in Pinkham Way. It is clear from the example of other waste plants in the UK and in Europe that the resulting noise and pollution will greatly reduce the quality of life for local residents. It will moreover almost certainly reduce the value of residential property in the local area.

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 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 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 unambiguous protection of SINCS within the Biodiversity Policy (rather than in 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 SINCS and LNRs 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 "SINCS 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 SINCs 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.

Thank you for your support of the above in this absolutely critical issue for local residents.

Yours faithfully
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