

Dear Haringey Council,

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

With regard to the consultation and planning inspectors recommended modifications (ref PE-28) regarding aspects of Haringey Strategic Policies I, on behalf of the Friern Village Residents' Association, would respectfully like to suggest the following:

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

We would also suggest that your report clarifies that the site is currently open space and not brownfield/previously developed land as it is clearly 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 and this was not disputed by the Council.

We 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.

There needs to be 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. please would you 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.

We 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." We suggest this because these first four SINCS are geographically linked to each other and it would therefore be appropriate to mention them together. Dropping any one of them is illogical and inappropriate.

Proposal Maps 7, 16 and 24 need to be changed to reflect your decision not to permit the re-designation to LSIS.

Yours faithfully,

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