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To: LDF

Subject: Ref: Pinkham Wood - Re-designation

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to raise my concerns over the plans for the re-designation from Employment Land to Locally Significant Industrial Use of the Pinkham Wood Site, which are currently being considered.

I object to the strategy for the reasons outlined below:

The re-designation of Pinkham Wood does not consider the importance of Pinkham Wood as a nature conservation site. If this site is designated as suitable for industrial development then the ecological benefits from this area will be lost forever.

Re-designation of the site will expand the range of uses for the site which could include heavy industrial uses which I am worried will lead to noise pollution and traffic congestion in the area as well as damage to the site as an area for nature conservation.

I have not seen anything that shows me that any decision for the re-designation of Pinkham Wood is based on sound evidence appropriate for this site. No credible evidence was produced at the first Examination in Public, and the re-consultation document (CSSD-3) has no new evidence. The updated Sustainability Appraisal which has been produced by Hyder Consulting UK Limited to provide further evidence in support of this re-consultation does not contain any new evidence to support this re-designation, and it actually points out its threat to the biodiversity of the site . Therefore why re-designate this site?

Re-designating the site to LSIS does not appear to be consistent with national policy: PPS 9 is the overarching framework in which policies should be developed. Paragraph 9 refers to how networks of natural habitats provide a valuable resource. Pinkham Wood is a natural habitat for wildlife and a valuable resource. Therefore this site should be protected and not handed over for industrial use.

In the Core Strategy pre-submission draft the Pinkham Wood site was designated Employment Land with supporting evidence for this designation. Why did the Council change the designation following consultation? What evidence emerged to persuade them the designation should be changed to LSIS?

I would appreciate your response to my questions above and if you could take into consideration my opposition to the any re-designation of Pinkham Wood during your consultation process. It is a valuable and important site for those of us who live in this community.

Regards,

Craig Kerman

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