

Objection to the Framework Core Strategy Document

The attempt, by Haringey Council, to change the land designations of Pinkham Wood is clearly tainted by omissions and misleading representations.

The document refers to Pinkham Wood as Friern Barnet Sewage Works N10, this is totally misleading as this site has not been a sewage works for half a century and has subsequently been designated as a site of 'Importance for Nature Conservation' by Haringey Council itself in the 2003 Strategic Open Space Assessment.

Pinkham Wood currently has a dual land designation – EL (for Employment Use, subject to no adverse effect on the nature conservation value of the site) and SINC (site of Important for Nature Conservation), the underhand way in which the Council has tried to surreptitiously change this designation is clearly suspicious.

This has not been a transparent process and as a local resident I was shocked to learn that this decision had already been taken by our representatives at Haringey Council without even asking those who live on the doorstep of this area; it seems the Council is now having to back track under public pressure. Even so as a local resident I have still had to request involvement in this consultation process, I would have expected that something that would trigger such a dramatic effect on our local area would have been more widely consulted, and I fear that, even now, there are limited people would know or fully comprehend what is going on.

Haringey Council appears to want to designate Pinkham Wood as a Locally Significant Industrial Site (LSIS). In paragraph 5.1.10, of the Strategy it makes clear that LSIS “sites are well established industrial areas”. This is not the case as stated in paragraph two, the site has become a green space, which is vital in such a polluted area of London. The proposed new designation is wholly inappropriate and technically incorrect.

Page 34 Refers to DEA Friern Barnet Sewage Works, N10 as a 'Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and adjoins an Ecological Corridor', this being the case how can it possibly be changed to LSIS as these are complete opposites, the document also goes on to state that the site is the 'preferred' location in the North London Waste Plan, however when analysing the details of the Waste Plan this is not the case.

It is clearly the case that the current designations (ER with the caveat and the SINC) almost certainly jeopardise the NLWA application to build a colossal waste processing plant on this site. As members of both Barnet and Haringey council form part of the NLWA, they cannot be regarded as impartial to this decision and it must be noted that this potential use of the site has been shown to be totally unacceptable to thousands of local residents.

Sadly it seems that Haringey Council still seem to be conducting a consultation which is prejudicial to the interests of fairness and natural justice, as quoted by the Government Inspector.

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