

Pinkham Way, former Friern Barnet sewage works **Update at 27-2-13**

1. Town /Village Green Applications

- An application to make Pinkham Way a designated “village green” has been made. This application argues that the site has been continually used and open to the public for a long time and therefore has acquired Town/Village Green rights. The application is a test of fact. If the application is approved the site becomes a green. The application is assessed and tested by the submission of evidence and scrutiny/cross examination , under oath, at a public inquiry.
- Philip Petchey, Barrister, has been appointed to make the independent assessment of the application on behalf of the Haringey Council Commons Registration Authority, the public enquiry is from **4th-11th March 2013**.

2. North London Waste Plan

- The NLWP has been found not to meet a new “duty to cooperate” (Localism Act) by the Planning Inspector at his Inquiry in to the Final Version of the Plan.
- The seven boroughs (Haringey, Waltham Forest, Enfield, Islington, Hackney, Camden, Barnet), are moving to agree to draw up another version of the NLWP. The existing plan information will remain in the public domain for reference, but it is proposed that the 7 Planning Authorities would:
 - Re start public consultation
 - Refresh the evidence

3. North London Waste Authority Waste Contracts

- Veolia has withdrawn from the bidding process for the 2 NLWA Contracts - Waste Services and Fuel Use. The NLWA announced on the 21st Dec 2012 it is continuing with the current tendering process for the two contracts with the remaining bidder on each contract (FCC/Skanska on Waste Services and E.ON/Wheelabrator on Fuel Use) and will be withdrawing the “on hold” and invalid planning application for Pinkham Way.
- The timetable for the two Waste contracts is: tenders submitted in March 2013 and selection May-June 2013.

4. North London Waste Authority/Barnet Planning Application

- The NLWA and Barnet Council have stated they will withdraw their joint, outline and invalid MBT (Mechanical Biological Treatment) planning application for Pinkham Way. They have stated that:
- “While new mechanical and biological waste treatment (MBT) facilities at both its Pinkham Way and Edmonton sites had originally been proposed, it now seems likely that plans for MBT facilities will be taken forward at only one site. Subject to a successful planning application for new facilities at Edmonton, it is likely that plans for MBT facilities at Pinkham Way will not need to be taken forward, but this will become clearer in due course.”

5. Haringey adoption of a new Haringey Local Plan – Strategic Policies

- An independent Planning Inspector’s assessment of the Haringey’s new Local Plan, (to be considered for adoption in March 2013) has stated that the Pinkham Way site should remain in a dual use designation – “employment and nature conservation”. The Inspector said as other statutory planning documents are produced these can consider changing site designations.

NLWA: Announcement on NLWA procurement

Dec 21, 2012

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The North London Waste Authority has received notification from Veolia Environmental Services that they will not be submitting final tenders for either NLWA’s waste services or fuel use contracts.

Veolia had been shortlisted for both contracts and, in withdrawing, Veolia has confirmed that the decision has no bearing on the quality and integrity of the projects. NLWA is now to pursue dialogue on final tenders with only FCC/Skanska for its waste services contract, which is to provide sustainable waste disposal services for north London in the long term, and with only E.On/Wheelabrator for its fuel use contract, it was announced today (21 December).

NLWA is now following published Government guidance on managing a premature ending of a competitive process. This guidance makes clear that NLWA should consider the strength and quality of the remaining bid for each contract, consider the extent to which the competition up to that stage has been effective, and consider whether value for money can be demonstrated with only one bidder for each contract.

NLWA is now at quite an advanced stage of a procurement process for a new waste services contract. The waste flow model tonnage projections have been updated at key stages of the procurement process using the latest available audited data to account for recent waste trends. While new mechanical and biological waste treatment (MBT) facilities at both its Pinkham Way and Edmonton sites had originally been proposed, it now seems likely that plans for MBT facilities will be taken forward at only one site. Subject to a successful planning application for new facilities at Edmonton, it is likely that plans for MBT facilities at Pinkham Way will not need to be taken forward, but this will become clearer in due course.

NLWA has therefore announced plans to withdraw its outstanding outline planning application for a Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant at the Pinkham Way site. The Pinkham Way site remains relevant to NLWA’s service requirements in terms of a delivery, sorting and transfer point for recyclable material and other waste that is collected from local households. Details relating to the future use of the site will depend on the letting

of NLWA's waste services contract and will, at the appropriate time, be subject to local consultation and planning processes.

Councillor Clyde Loakes, Chair of North London Waste Authority, said:

“Although it is disappointing that we will not receive competitive bids, we will now work with remaining bidders and undertake work ourselves to ensure that we are still able to deliver long term, sustainable services that are the best possible in both quality and cost terms, and that value for money is delivered for tax payers.

“I hope today's announcement on the future use of the Pinkham Way site will provide some further clarity and certainty for local people. They now know that subject to a successful planning application at the existing Edmonton site, there should be no residual waste treatment at Pinkham Way.”

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