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Planning Application 115160 Destruction of Irreplaceable habitat

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The Friends of Carrington Moss are astounded that, in confirming that 19.9 hectares of deep peat soils will effectively be totally destroyed by the plans to construct an [unnecessary](#) BESS on this site, a pitiful compensation scheme of 1.15 hectares has been proposed in the applicant's Peat Management Plan.

Whilst we recognise this scheme has not yet been approved, we are extremely surprised and very disappointed that the agencies that are charged with protecting England's natural capital assets appear to find the proposals acceptable. In addition to the peat issue, in terms of ecology, there is [increasing evidence](#) of the impact of the noise from BESS which will certainly be disturbing for the substantial birds and wildlife populations in the area. The noise pollution will not be limited or temporary. It will be significant and will continue for the life of the scheme.

This is a wholly unsuitable site for such a development, especially given the proclivity of such schemes to self-combust. Given the deep peat depths, this site should be retained for allocation-wide mitigation and compensation. We have significant concerns that approval of this scheme will set a precedent that leaves the whole of Carrington Moss vulnerable to further applications for development, including those parts of the moss which are currently retained in Green Belt.

Please treat the following questions as a Freedom of Information Act request:

Please can Trafford confirm whether they consider the offer of 1.15 hectares suitable compensation for the destruction of 19.9 hectares of deep peat soils.

Is this derisory level of compensation what residents can expect to be approved for mitigation and compensation in return for the destruction of significant natural capital assets in their area?

Please confirm when the Natural Infrastructure Strategy for the New Carrington Allocation will be available for consultation. Given the contents of this planning application, this has now reached a level of necessity that needs to be addressed urgently.

Please can Trafford confirm the carbon emissions implications of both Design Option 1 and Design Option 2 set out in the applicant's Peat Management Plan.

How will the carbon emissions event impact Trafford's net zero carbon aims?

Please can Trafford confirm the anticipated impact on the wider (335 hectare) peat moss of this destructive scheme.

Please can Trafford confirm exactly when this site is expected to be connected to the grid given the findings of the recent appeal decision for the BESS at land off Golf Road (APP/Q4245/W/24/3343250), which stated that "*projects trying to connect to Daines substation in Carrington are now only being offered connections by 2037*".

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Kind regards

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