



Friends of Carrington Moss <friendscarringtonmoss@gmail.com>

RE: 16028 Planning Application 115160 Destruction of Irreplaceable habitat

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Data Protection <Data.Protection@trafford.gov.uk>

13 June 2025 at 08:45

To: "friendscarringtonmoss@gmail.com" <friendscarringtonmoss@gmail.com>

Dear Marj

Thank you for your email below, which has been recorded as a representation to the planning application ref:115160 and a response provided within the officer report. I attached the delegated officer report for your review.

I note your request under the freedom of information Act, the response to the majority of your questions can be found in the detailed officer report. The section on the impact on peat, along with the consultation responses from Natural England provide a detailed assessment and analysis of the impact on peat and will serve to respond to the queries you raise. The report should however be read as a whole to understand the complete assessment.

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. [Please see the officer delegated report](#)

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 see the officer delegated report](#)

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. [The timetable for the preparation of the New Carrington Masterplan is as set out in the latest Trafford Local Development Scheme \(2025 – 2028\), https://www.trafford.gov.uk/planning/strategic-planning/docs/LDS/Trafford-Local-Development-Scheme-2025-2028.pdf](#)

[Public consultation is scheduled to take place on the Masterplan – Feb/March 2026.](#)

[Four stakeholder groups have been established to support the preparation of the Masterplan \(see Community and stakeholder involvement in the LDS\) and these groups will be engaged as part of the preparation of the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy.](#)

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. [We do not hold this information- the exact extent of the Peat Management is required to be submitted to the LPA prior to any works taking place and is secured by planning condition.](#)

How will the carbon emissions event impact Trafford's net zero carbon aims? [We do not hold this specific information but the development was considered to comply with the development plan when taken as a whole. Please see the officer delegated report.](#)

Please can Trafford confirm the anticipated impact on the wider (335 hectare) peat moss of this destructive scheme. We do not hold this specific information but the development was considered to comply with Policy JPA30 and the development plan when taken as a whole. Please see the officer delegated report.

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”. Officers disputed the 2037 date given by the appellant at the time of this hearing. However, as this particular scheme had not been submitted we were unable to provide any firm evidence to satisfy the Inspector otherwise. This applicant has indicated that connection would be before 2037 but we do not hold information which indicates the exact date. The information the Council holds is within the application documents and already in the public domain.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance

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From: Data Protection
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Subject: RE: 16028 Planning Application 115160 Destruction of Irreplaceable habitat

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If you have access to the Internet you may wish to see if your enquiry can be dealt with online at www.trafford.gov.uk. The council's website enables many forms to be completed and payments to be made online, as well as providing comprehensive information.

Thank you
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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.

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Kind regards

Marj Pownert

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Vice Chair, Save Greater Manchester Green Belts Group (<https://www.savegmgreenbelt.org.uk/>)

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