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Appendix 1 - Background

What is a designated nature site?

Nature sites can be 'designated', which means they have special status as protected areas because of their natural and cultural importance. These areas are protected by law to make sure they are not harmed or destroyed and can sometimes be used by people for recreation and study. There can also be restrictions on activities and developments that might affect a designated or protected area, for example building new houses or roads. This includes areas next to as well as in natural areas. These places are made into protected areas by organisations, such as Natural England and local councils and through national and international laws and organisations, such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) [Gov 2022].

Summary of Recommendations for Haringey SINC Review

A review of the 60 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) in Haringey took place in 2021. SINCs are areas recognised as important to wildlife and diversity. The review will help with the development of Haringey's new Local Plan. As well as reviewing the status and condition of current SINCs, it also identified potential new SINCs.

After consultation on the new local plan, the results of the review will go to the London Wildlife Sites Board, which independently assesses and ratifies any recommendations for changes to a borough's SINCs. It is made up of representative bodies including the Greater London Authority (GLA).

Armadale Green has therefore been recommended as a potential new local SINC (This will be ratified in 2023) this is because:

- the site comprises areas of modified grassland and a children's play area, providing accessible greenspace to the local community for recreational use
- a large number of trees are present within the site, which form a continuous, mostly closed canopy and provides a dark corridor to faunal groups such as bats in conjunction with the adjacent Tottenham RAILSIDES site. Bat and bird boxes have been installed on trees within the site which provide roosting opportunities to these species' groups
- the site functions as an effective widening of the existing green infrastructure present and contributes to the extensive green corridor within the area, linking the southern portion of the Lea Valley with the Tottenham RAILSIDES site. The site therefore warrants designation as a Local SINC