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Dear Sir/Madam,

HARINGEY LOCAL PLAN: STRATEGIC POLICIES (Ref. PE-28)

I have read your summary of the Inspectors Main Modifications of Haringey Local Plan: Strategic Policies and offer the comments below. I have been a home-owner at 4 Windermere Road, N10 since 1975, have brought up two children here, and now two grandchildren are nearing school-age in Muswell Hill. It is an area I have grown to love, but which is becoming more and more congested with traffic. There are very many young families here and the schools struggle to cope with the numbers. It is a highly populated residential area which should not be compromised. My concern is with the proposal to build a refuse treatment plant on the site at Pinkham Way and I attended the Public Hearing at Wood Green Civic Centre on Wednesday 22 February 2012.

I support the modification to SP8 made by the Inspector. However, evidence was given at the hearing that the Pinkham Way site is not an established industrial site. This evidence is not well reflected in your report, which should contain a statement to the effect that the Pinkham Way site is Employment Land and not an established industrial site.

I would welcome a statement in your report that the site is open space. It is not brownfield or previously developed land. Indeed, it is excluded from being such under the London Plan and the NPPF definitions of previously developed land. Evidence was produced at the hearing to support this, evidence that was not disputed by the Council.

I consider that the protection of the SINC status of the Pinkham Way site has been weakened. In the UDP it was stated that development would be allowed on the site PROVIDED THERE WAS NO IMPACT ON THE NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE SITE. This direct proviso has been delinked in the new strategy, which seems to me neither justifiable nor acceptable.

I would like to see unambiguous protection of SINCS within the Biodiversity Policy (rather than in the narrative to the policy). For example, in the policy box, after the statement "All development shall protect and improve sites of biodiversity and nature conservation etc", a fourth bullet point should be added to convey the following: "The Council will not permit development on SINCS and LNRs unless there are exceptional circumstances and where the importance of any proposed development outweighs the nature conservation value of the site." The rest of the modification, i.e. "in such circumstances..." to remain in 6.3.23 as narrative.

I would like to suggest one further minor amendment to para. 6.3.23, that the last sentence should read, "SINCS within the borough include Bluebell Wood, Muswell

Hill Golf Course, Former Friern Barnet Sewage Works (Pinkham Way), Hollickwood Park, Tottenham Cemetery and Bruce Castle Park". I suggest this because these first four SINCs are directly geographically linked to each other, making it appropriate to mention them together. Dropping any one of them is unjustifiable.

Proposal Maps 7, 16 and 24 need changing to reflect your decision not to permit the redesignation to LSIS.

Thank you for your attention to my comments which I trust will receive your serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,

P.M. Sewell (Ms)