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Dear Sir

Local Plan - Inspector's Main Modifications (REF PE-28)

Thank you for notifying me about the consultation on the Planning Inspector's main modifications to Haringey's Local Plan. I have carefully noted the amendments.

I have also been sent a copy of the comments made by the Pinkham Way Alliance (PWA) in response to the consultation. Like them, I believe SP8 should be modified.

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With regard to the Pinkham Way site, I share the views of the PWA that it would be helpful for your report to reflect the evidence given at the hearing by the Council, that the Pinkham Way site is not an established industrial site. Such a statement would remove any ambiguity as to the status of this Employment Land site.

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I would also like to see your report acknowledging that the site is open space and not brownfield/previously developed land because it is excluded from this definition under the London Plan and the NPPF definitions of previously developed land. I am informed that evidence to support this was produced at the inquiry and not disputed by the Council.

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Like the PWA, I am concerned that the protection of the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) status of the Pinkham Way site has been weakened. In the UDP it stated that

development would be allowed on the site provided there was no impact on the nature conservation value of the site. I note that this stipulation has been re-worded in the new strategy.

Additionally, I think it would be helpful if protection of SINC's was included in the Biodiversity Policy (rather than in the narrative to this policy).

I also agree with the PWA suggestion that a fourth bullet point should be added after the statement "All development shall protect and improve sites of biodiversity and nature conservation etc." along the following lines:

(6) "The Council will not permit development on SINC's and LNR's unless there are exceptional circumstances and where the importance of any development coming forward outweighs the nature conservation value of the site."

11 The PWA suggests one further amendment to paragraph 6.3.23 – that the last sentence reads "SINC's 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 note that their view is that because these first four SINC's are directly geographically linked to each other it would be appropriate to mention them together. I would be grateful if you could consider this suggestion.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

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