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Sent: 31 October 2011 10:57
To: LDF
Subject: Pinkham Way - objections
Dear LDF Team,

I am contacting you to state my objections to the proposed redevelopment of Pinkham Wood to a Waste Management site, and the proposed change for the land from 'employment' to 'Industrial' sought by the Council.

The proposed site has since 1963, when the Sewage treatment plant was closed, had nearly 50 years to 'naturalise'. I myself walk past this site on my way to work, and in the springtime, the site is full of birdsong. I have even seen bluebells blooming on the site. It is most certainly a place for wildlife.

A development of this site would be the likely loss of a valuable nature conservation site, being one of only nine such sites designated Grade 1 of Borough Importance for nature Conservation.

There aren't many truly wild place like this anymore, in the area, where wildlife truly has a place of refuge. Seen on a satellite image, the area is and island of green in an area of urban development.

Any development of the site has potential to have biodiversity impacts, because it is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

You only have to look at the success of Camley Street Natural park - a natural area for wildlife reclaimed from an old coal yard right in the middle of Kings Cross in 1984. It's a wonderful island of green in an otherwise built up area. The reserve has a visitor centre and provides natural habitat for birds, butterflies, amphibians and a rich variety of plant life. And that has only been in existence for 27 years. Camley Street has a full time education programme for Camden schools.

Our site at Pinkham Woods has had nearly 50 years to develop it's wildlife, and could offer the same experience to Schools in the area. What an exciting idea, to educate our children first hand in wildlife, and show the foresight of local Councils in protecting wildlife in built -up areas, to the furtherment of our childrens' education and appreciation of conservation. Our Children are the ones that will conseve our future wildlife. And is sites just like this that form thier opinions of wildlife and it's conservation.

So please, consider the site's future value for wildlife.

Glen Cameron
Local Resident