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Sent: 30 October 2011 14:59
To: LDF
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Subject: Former Friern Barnet Sewage Treatment site
Dear Sir/Madam

I object to a designation of the former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site as a Locally Significant Industrial Use. The loss of any protection for the nature conservation value of the site would be detrimental to the natural and local environment.

I formally request an assessment of the eco systems and natural habitats on the site - which is one of only nine sites designated Grade 1 of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation - to determine its nature conservation value. The Government have now provided the tools for conducting such an assessment which should form the basis of any proposed re-designation.

The updated Sustainability Appraisal which has been produced by Hyder Consulting UK Limited does not contain any new evidence to support this re-designation; on the contrary, it points out the threat to the biodiversity of the site.

The NLWA and Barnet Council have submitted a joint planning application for their use of the site which Haringey Council currently have 'on hold'. It would seem that the re-designation of the site would assist the ambitions of the former, whilst placing the latter in a position of conducting a consultation that would "appear to be prejudicial to the interests of fairness and natural justice".

Has Haringey considered whether alternative designations would be appropriate - e.g. Metropolitan Open Land, Local Green Space designation or Green Grid cross-boundary green space, connecting Barnet, Haringey and Enfield ?

The Council's own records show, in relation to the Friern Barnet site in particular, that any development on the site has potential to have biodiversity impacts, because it is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

Finally, the Government has just concluded its consultation with regard to National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG). It would be premature to re-designate in advance of consideration of the NPPG which should then lead to consultation on the Core Strategy i.e.the overall plan for the Borough.

Yours faithfully

Ms A Carvalho Gomes

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