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To: LDF

Subject: Re-designation of the former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site at Pinkham Way
Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to object to the re-designation of the former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site as a Locally Significant Industrial Use, on the following grounds:-

This is an ecologically rich and valuable site, which is one of only nine sites designated Grade 1 of Borough importance for Nature Conservation. National policy has recognised how important it is to maintain networks and corridors of natural habitats and this should be embedded in the Core Strategy and specifically in the designation of the site. The loss of caveat to protect the nature conservation is a major change to the protection of this site and is consequently likely to lead to the loss of this valuable nature conservation site. The LSIS designation is only deliverable if the Grade 1 Borough Importance for Nature designation is removed and I understand that your own additional evidence points out that re-designation and subsequent development on the site, would have adverse biodiversity effects, because it is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.

We find it hard to see why you are considering changing this site's designation. It is not based on firm evidence. No credible evidence was produced at the Examination in Public and the re-consultation document CSSD-3 has no new evidence. The updated Sustainability Appraisal, which has been produced by Hyder Consulting UK Limited to provide further evidence in support of this re-consultation, does not contain any new evidence to support this re-designation and actually points out the threat to biodiversity of the site. There is no evidence that Haringey considered any alternative, more appropriate designations such as Metropolitan Open Land, Local Green Space or Green Grid cross-boundary green space, connecting Barnet, Haringey and Enfield.

With such strong reasons against re-designation, we can only conclude that continued efforts to achieve this, are solely aimed at paving the way for development of a waste processing plant on this site, as re-designation, allowing the removal of the requirement to protect the nature conservation, is the only way the site can be considered for such heavy industrial use, with all the potential noise, pollution and traffic congestion. It seems to me that pre-planning application discussions with North London Waste Authority, in relation to the development of a waste processing plant and Barnet Council, in relation to it using the site as a refuse vehicle depot, led to the proposal to re-designate use and that this is definitely a case of putting the cart before the horse. The original consultation was deemed to appear to be prejudicial to the interests of fairness and natural justice and we see no reasons to believe this re-consultation will be any different in this respect.

With regard to community involvement, we feel that very limited efforts have been made to canvas views of all residents who are likely to be affected by this re-designation and the likelihood of the industrial use that will follow. This affects very large numbers of residents in the three boroughs of Haringey, Enfield and Barnet and as Enfield residents, we do not feel that putting a notice in a local paper with very limited circulation, constitutes strenuous efforts to allow community involvement.

Indeed if re-designation to LSIS is achieved in the face of such local opposition, it will certainly confirm to our minds, that only lip service is paid to community involvement.

We trust that Haringey will make the right decision to continue to protect this valuable ecological site by maintaining its Grade 1 importance for Nature Conservation.

Yours faithfully

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