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*Dear Sir/Madam*

**PINKHAM WAY DEVELOPMENT: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF SITE**

I am writing to object to the proposed change of designation of the Pinkham Way site, Friern Barnet from employment to industrial use, and specifically to the re-designation of the site to a 'locally significant industrial site'. I have the following grounds for objection:

- i) The re-designation of the site from employment use to industrial use will harm potential employment opportunities in the area. As the Council itself has acknowledged, there are already far too few prospects for new employment in the Borough. These prospects will only deteriorate if land such as that on the Pinkham Way site, which is designated for employment use, is converted to industrial use. Creating new jobs does not have to be done in a way which is detrimental to the 'green space' of the Pinkham Way site. If done creatively and sensitively, new jobs can be generated in a way which will both protect and enhance this green space status. This would not be possible if the site were converted to industrial use.
- ii) There has been inadequate consultation of local people about the re-designation of the site and of the proposal to establish a major waste management complex on it. There has similarly been little attempt to inform people of the re-consultation process that is currently under way.

iii) Finally, and of the greatest significance, using the site for the industrial use proposed will have a highly detrimental environmental impact on the whole area and the community which lives in it. The site adjoins a residential area and is dangerously close to several schools. The movement of several hundred trucks a day into and out of the site will not only create additional danger for pedestrians but will also cause havoc to traffic conditions around the site. The adjoining roads, particularly that part of the North Circular Road and Colney Hatch Lane, are already badly congested leading to long tail-backs at peak hours. The further major increase in traffic flow caused by the proposed development would make already difficult conditions unbearable for local residents. The additional noise, dust and negative environmental impact caused by the trucks and the waste management plant and machinery would lead to a significant deterioration in the quality of life of the surrounding communities, with knock-on effects throughout the area.

The plans for this site should therefore be withdrawn and re-considered. If some form of waste management facility has to be established in the area, it should be on a much, much smaller scale, complemented by additional smaller scale facilities at other points in the adjoining boroughs, and carried out in a way that minimises the negative and unacceptable environmental, social and employment consequences of the current plans.

*Yours faithfully*

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