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To: LDF

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Subject: Local resident's objection to the proposed Pinkham Way site

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm contacting you today to strongly object to the plans for a waste management site at Pinkham way, near Friern Barnet.

I live in Haringay at 99 Muswell Avenue, which is a stones throw from the proposed site. So naturally I have concerns relating to the shift of the Pinkham way site from employment to industrial use.

I firmly believe that both Muswell Hill and Friern Barnet are not industrial designated areas they are residential areas with shops and business that cater for local residents. Surely the re-targeting of the site from employment use to industrial use will have a terrible impact on potential employment opportunities in the area. As far as I am aware councils across the country are now engaged in a drive to promote sustainable employment in local areas in fact I believe this council's own strategy document clearly states the importance of this.

Taking control of sites like Pinkham Way away from councils and local communities and handing it over to industry will result in a significant reduction in employment options. Although Londoners are fortunate and enjoy a number of green spaces within their city this does not mean that we should be cutting into green spaces that can be used directly to create employment without disrupting the ecosystem or local communities

There will be a damaging effect on the environment as a direct result decisions made in order to allow this site to be developed. Road transport links to residential areas will be clogged with hundreds of lorries a day turning already congested traffic into grid lock. Most importantly the site is backed up against schools, homes and businesses, dust, noise, vibration and the spread of disease through vermin will make locals miserable and unable to enjoy the quality of life they currently take for granted and deserve. Obviously there are many other concerns such as air quality, emissions and the local ecosystem that make the building and operation of this plant a danger to the general environment. Have these environmental concerns been scrutinised? I have no idea and this is a site that could be built on my doorstep, this issue brings me on to my next point.

I feel that there has been a woefully inadequate attempt to engage local people in any discussions relating to any development of this site. It seems ludicrous to me that the people we elect to run our councils have completely neglected to consider the importance of consulting local people; people who will be directly affected for years to come if these plans come to fruition. Furthermore, I am dismayed although not entirely surprised that yet again there has been a similar attitude taken to informing people of a reconsultation process being auctioned.

This plans for this site must be torn up and this whole idea re-considered. Local residents are reasonable people and if some kind of facility is absolutely necessary it needs to be agreed by all not just councils and industry. It is completely unfair to expect locals to have to put up with something so significant that the area simply will not be able to cope with. We elected our council members to put people first not to dump waste from 5 London boroughs on our doorstep.

Yours sincerely

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