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To: LDF

Subject: Redesignation of land - Friern Barnet Sewage Works N10 site

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to express my concerns about the proposed change of designation to the Friern Barnet 'sewage works' N10 site next to Pinkham Way, from employment use to industrial use.

The new classification would have a major impact on the whole of the surrounding area, changing its character and reducing its viability as a place in which to live and travel by road. In addition, its loss as land for employment use will have an adverse effect on creating new jobs. I totally reject Haringey Council's stated aim to return the site to 'more traditional uses'. The former sewage site has long been gone and was very different to the proposed gigantic industrial plant. Additionally, the context in which the old sewage works existed has changed greatly, now being considerably more built-up and densely populated.

The environmental impact will be catastrophic. This is a heavily built-up residential area including several schools. Air quality, already poor, will deteriorate affecting the health of children especially and adults too. This will be a direct result of living and/or working next to a major industrial site and will be exacerbated by the pollution caused by extra road traffic servicing the plant.

Local businesses will suffer too as the A406 and nearby roads such as Colney Hatch, used by many to avoid the A406, are already almost constantly gridlocked. Additional journey times will add to traffic pollution.

This site has been listed as green space and, in a borough that is already over-developed, should receive protection. Designated a site of importance for nature conservation and adjoining an ecological corridor, clearly reclassification for industrial use is too drastic a change. It certainly does not take into account what the site has become and its position in a now over-developed immediate area.

This is a major reclassification in land use and yet Haringey Council has so far failed to consult adequately those whose lives would suffer because of it. I have additional concerns about the way that the re-consultation is being handled. Local people have not been informed of it in a consistent and satisfactory way. To reach everyone affected by the proposed change, the Council must write to every home within at least a mile wide radius of the site, providing a translation service where needed as well as appropriate help for responses to be made. Furthermore, unlike previous Haringey consultations where vast numbers of objections have simply been ignored, the outcome of this consultation must be seen to have an impact on subsequent decisions made.

Yours faithfully
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