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To: LDF

Subject: Former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site (Pinkham Wood)

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident I am shocked to hear the plans for the Pinkham Woods is trying to be progressed, my response to the NLWA proposal for Europe's largest waste plant in the middle of a residential ares on the former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site (Pinkham Wood) is noted below.

We live in the borough of Barnet and approximately 0.7miles away from the proposed site. The proposal for Europe's largest waste plant was brought to my attention by Pinkham Way Alliance volunteers, as opposed to Barnet Council? There will inevitably be many residents in the neighbourhood that have not been consulted and completely unaware of these proposed plans.

The loss of the caveat to protect the nature conservation is a major change to the protection of this site, this ecologically rich and valuable site is one of only nine Haringey sites designated Grade 1 of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation. The former Friern Barnet Sewerage Treatment Works site should be removed from the proposed list of Locally Significant Industrial Sites and awarded the alternative designation of Metropolitan Open Land, which, from an evidenced based perspective, is a more appropriate designation for this site that would better reflect National Planning policy objectives, in particular the key objectives and policies set out in the PPS 1 Supplement on Planning and Climate Change and PPS 9 on Biodiversity.

The site's location is part of a key green corridor within the Borough, its connection to neighbouring Green spaces, combined with the current under-provision of both woodland and local nature reserves within the Borough, as evidenced in Haringey's Biodiversity Action Plan of October 2009, mean this site should be protected from development, to prevent further fragmentation of the important matrix of green spaces of which the Former Sewerage Treatment works site is a part. Haringey should also seek to have the site designated as a Local Nature Reserve and cycle routes should be considered.

Pinkham wood is the heart of a mainly residential area and in close proximity to four local schools: Alexandra Park School, Rhodes Avenue School, St Martin of Porres RC Primary School and Hollickwood School. It should be remembered that this local community has been using this site for at least four decades for activities including blackberry picking, apple picking, dog walking, the study of nature and general exercise. These activities only ceased recently, when the NLWA/London Borough of Barnet erected a security fence around the site.

I hope the above is taken in to consideration.

Kind regards.

Helen Jones

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