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To: LDF

I believe Haringey Council are re-consulting about its proposal to re-designate the Former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site (Pinkham Wood)

From all I have read regarding this proposal, the inclusion of the Pinkham Woods site in the draft North London Waste Plan as a site for new waste management facilities has not been driven by any evidenced based plan-making approach, but, instead, by financial drivers within the London Borough of Barnet. I have concluded, from what I have read and from attendance at public meetings at London Borough of Barnet, that the primary objective behind these plans is to enable the relocation of London Borough of Barnet's vehicle depot from its current Mill Hill location, so that the Mill Hill site can be redeveloped and create a source of revenue for LBB. London Borough of Barnet have, I understand, recently approved the planning application for this re-development. The additional driver has been that Barnet, who had previously had planning applications for the Pinkham Woods site refused, would be able to gain some revenue from a site which it had not been able to develop for the past 48 years, due to its poor public transport links and nature conservation value.

Its obvious that Barnet Sewerage Treatment Works site has not been driven by any evidenced based approach to plan-making, following principles laid down in national and regional policy and taking account of strategic needs in Haringey, but has, instead, been introduced late in the day to enable a specific planning application to proceed on this site. This is fundamentally not sound plan-making and, from my perspective, could result in successful challenge of the Core Strategy, North London Waste Plan and any attempt to approve a planning application on this site in future.

Haringey are seeking to ignore national policy totally and change the site's designation (based on no credible evidence), to pave the way for a planning application that they are aware would have substantial impacts on the nature conservation value of the site and which will be to the further detriment of the wider green spaces to which it is linked.

I also urge the inspector to ensure that any designation of the site carries appropriate wording to protect its nature conservation value and the opportunity to naturalise the stream that runs through the site.

Regards

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