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To: LDF

Subject: Pinkham Woods designation re-consultation.

As a directly affected resident, I wish to register my objection of the open green land bordering Pinkham Way being re-designated from "EL" (Employment contingent on no adverse effect on the nature conservation value of the site) to "LSIS" (industrial , with no prohibition of damage to the nature conservation value of the site)

I object on the following grounds:

The Council attempted to re-designate the site without producing any evidence that LSIS was the appropriate designation.

The Council offered no explanation of how the removal of conservation protection from one of only 9 Grade 1 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in the entire Borough could be justified.

The Council offered no assessment of the merits of possible alternative designations, nor any explanation of why the existing designation was no longer appropriate.

The Council has simply ignored national planning policy, which states, *inter alia*:

"Sites of regional and local biodiversity and geological interest, which include Regionally Important Geological Sites, Local Nature Reserves and Local Sites, have a fundamental role to play in meeting overall national biodiversity targets; contributing to the quality of life and the well-being of the community; and in supporting research and education. Criteria-based policies should be established in local development documents against which proposals for any development on, or affecting, such sites will be judged. These policies should be distinguished from those applied to nationally important sites."

(<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147408.pdf>)

The Council has similarly ignored the regional policies on open space of various types contained in the London Plan 2011, Chapter 7

For all these reasons I urge and request that the re-designation of the land at Pinkham Woods be rescinded and re-considered.

At every step to date, Haringey Council has appeared to act solely in the interests of the North London Waste Authority to the absolute exclusion of proper consultation and good governance. It is imperative that the designation of the land at Pinkham way be made on

proper planning grounds and not for the convenience of a prospective future planning applicant of which the Council itself forms part. The principles of honest and transparent local democracy otherwise stand to be brought into utter disrepute.

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