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Dear Mr Onslow,

### **NORTH LONDON WASTE PLAN**

I write in response to the North London Waste Plan proposed submission consultation. As a local resident, I am concerned over the inclusion of the former Friern Barnet Sewerage Works, Pinkham Way as a new site for waste management in Table 9 of the Plan. While I understand that this document is separate from the planning application which has been submitted to Haringey Council for a waste management plant on this site, the fact that an application has been lodged makes the potential allocation of this site all the more significant as it could have very real and immediate consequences.

I cannot believe that in the whole of North London, the former Friern Barnet sewerage works is the most appropriate site for waste management. As a local resident, you will appreciate that I do not have the skill or resources to technically assess the robustness of the site selection methodology employed by North London Waste Authority to identify waste management sites. I therefore rely on the Inspector examining the North London Waste Plan to ensure he is satisfied in his conclusions that the points I have made in this letter are addressed. In particular, the Inspector will need to ensure that the site selection methodology is appropriate and that this has been properly undertaken and applied in relation to the former Friern Barnet Sewerage Works site.

I **strongly object** to the inclusion of this site for waste management for the reasons set out below.

#### **Appropriateness of the site for waste management use**

Having reviewed the draft North London Waste Plan, I question the conclusion that the former Friern Barnet sewerage works site on Pinkham Way is one of the most appropriate sites in the entire North London study area to deal with North London's waste, given its proximity to residential development and other potential impacts including, but not limited to, ecology, traffic and pollution (more detail below).

Additionally, in allocating this site for waste management, more appropriate uses for the site will be prevented from coming to fruition. This site is currently allocated in the adopted Haringey Local Plan as employment land and is adjacent to other employment uses as well as residential areas. It would appear, therefore, that the site is far more suitable for an employment or residential use, or a mixed development comprising these uses.

In addition to the above, other factors which I believe make the site unsuitable for waste management use are set out in further detail below:

## Ecology

The site is designated in the Local Plan as a Grade 1 ecologically valuable site. Local Plan Policy OS6 refers to protecting such sites and their corridors wherever possible. Additionally the site is adjacent to a green corridor as allocated in the Haringey Local Plan proposals map. These designations are also contained in the emerging Core Strategy.

I have a personal interest in wildlife and have seen bats on this site, which supports its designation as an ecologically valuable site. I therefore cannot understand how this could possibly be the most appropriate site in North London for waste management use. I would urge the Inspector to consider the damage that allocation of the site for waste management would have on ecology when considering the proposed allocation for waste management use.

## Traffic

As a local resident I can advise that the traffic on the North Circular, which would be used to access Pinkham Way, is congested and indeed a bottleneck. This further demonstrates how inappropriate this site would be for waste management use. Traffic would increase and aggravate the already problematic traffic issues.

## Pollution

Potential air quality, noise and odour pollution arising from the use of this site for waste management would be unacceptable. It would have an adverse impact on both the residents in close proximity to the site as well as potentially impacting on ecology at or near the site. Haringey Borough itself falls wholly within an Air Quality Management Area and the traffic impacts referred to above would increase air quality pollute and potentially exacerbate this problem. This strengthens my argument that this site cannot be the most appropriate site in North London for waste management and there must be a more suitable site within the study area for this use.

## Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, I **object** to the allocation of the former Friern Barnet Sewerage Works, Pinkham Way as a new site for waste management. Not only do I consider the site to be inappropriate for this use when considered on its own, I also suggest that there must be a more suitable site somewhere in North London for this use.

In the interests of air quality, traffic, ecology and impact on local residents, I urge the Inspector to amend the Plan to exclude this allocation.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Nevitt