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Subject: Fwd: Revised Consultation on changes to Haringey Core Strategy

Attachments: Letter of Notification September 2011.pdf

Dear Sir / Madam: My response to this consultation refers to the redesignation of the Pinkham Wood site and in particular to the detriment that any planned development will cause to the site's nature conservation status. I am also questioning the soundness of Haringey's evidence for the re-designation of the site.

The issues that immediately spring to mind are, firstly: loss of the caveat to protect the nature conservation. This is a major change to the protection of the site, and removing it would make it far more likely that this ecologically rich and valuable site (one of only nine sites with Grade 1 Borough Importance for Nature Conservation status in Haringey) would be lost.

Furthermore, removing this protection will mean the site will become vulnerable to Policy 4.4 of the London Plan, which directs local authorities in London to identify Locally Significant Industrial Sites that might be suitable for waste management. If the Pinkham Wood site is not redesigned, it will not fall within this policy.

In my opinion Haringey's first Examination in Public and the re-consultation document (CSSD-3) have offered no evidence to support the re-designation. Interestingly, Hyder Consulting's Sustainability Appraisal report that was obtained to support the re-designation in fact highlights the fact that the biodiversity of the site would be under threat if the re-designation occurs.

Where is the evidence that Haringey has even considered alternatives for the use of this site that are available, would benefit residents and would not jeopardize the nature conservation status of the site, such as Open Land, Green Space designations or similar.

Local policies of this nature should be developed within the framework of PPS 9. Its paragraph 9 states that networks of natural habitats provide a valuable resource. Haringey's redesignation also sits badly with the London Plan Policy, in particular paras 4.14 and 7.18 through to 7.21.

The LSIS designation is only deliverable if the Grade 1 Borough Importance for Nature designation is removed or substantially compromised. The Council's own additional evidence (p6 of the Hyder addendum in particular) points out in that any development on the site has potential to damage the biodiversity of the site in proportion to its scale.

For all the above reasons the redesignation has been badly thought out and is unacceptable.

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