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**To:** LDF  
**Subject:** Redesignation of the former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site (Pinkham Wood) Dear Haringey

We write to object to the proposal to re-designate the Former Friern Barnet Sewage treatment site (Pinkham Wood) from EL - Employment Use to LSIS - Locally Significant Industrial Use.

The land in question was originally part of the Middlesex Forest until it was cleared at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The land was then part of Bounds Green Farm until it was sold on for the small scale and low environmental impact purpose of a sewage farm for the Borough of Wood Green, a local resource for a restricted area the size of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the present London Borough of Haringey. After the closure of the sewage farm the site was able to recover from this use and that of being used for the dumping of rubbish to the extent that nature has been able to reclaim the site and it has now developed the rich biodiversity it has today.

The Government's Planning Policy Statement 9 welcomes the re-use of previously developed land for new development as it can make a major contribution to sustainable development by reducing the amount of countryside and undeveloped land that needs to be used. However, it goes on to say that where such sites have significant biodiversity or geological interest of recognised local importance, local planning authorities, together with developers, should aim to retain this interest or incorporate it into any development of the site.

In the London Plan the Mayor commits to working with all relevant partners to ensure a proactive approach to the protection, enhancement, creation, promotion and management of biodiversity in support of the Mayor's Biodiversity Strategy. Thus planning for nature at all stages of development and taking opportunities for positive gains for nature throughout the process.

The re-designation of the site goes directly counter to PPS9 and the Mayor's commitments in the London Plan. This is because the protection conferred by its current designation, EL - Employment Use, which requires any development to result in "no adverse impact" on the nature conservation value of the site, will be removed. The proposed designation of LSIS - Locally Significant Industrial Use, confers no linked protection for the nature conservation value of the site.

This re-designation of the site will remove a level of protection that has implications for all the nearby open spaces that form the green chain that runs south through Bluebell Wood and the Golf Course Allotments to Alexandra Palace. Plants, insects, small mammals and, to a lesser extent, birds, need a green corridor to travel along, and the disruption of this compromises the quality of the entire chain.

Yours Sincerely

Jenny Turner and David Davies

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