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Dear Ms Ciara Whelehan,

I wish to register my objection and opposition to the proposal, included in the Core Strategy, that the land designations on the Pinkham Wood (Friern Barnet Sewage Works) site be changed.

The proposed changes have been tabled in a flawed, unfair and inappropriate manner:

a) The consultation has been exceptionally poorly advertised. The Council has used low circulation media to publicise it and the Council has omitted the matter from its own publication, People, which does have the advantage of being circulated to all homes in the Borough. Direct notification has been to restricted consultees listed on an inappropriate database. No attempt has been made to directly contact those thousands of residents who would be directly affected by the contentious proposal from Haringey Council. In reality, the consultation's focus and catchment have been unfairly and unduly restricted by the Authorities.

b) The re-consultation was supposedly only to do with the change of land designation at Pinkham Wood – the re-consultation paperwork involves a much wider issue and the Pinkham Wood matter is buried in the middle of the consultation material.

c) The consultation document does not mention the caveat (*the use of the land for employment purposes shall be "subject to no adverse effect on the nature conservation value of the site"*) linked to the ER designation. The documentation also fails to mention in any way that this critical protection to the Pinkham Wood site would be lost as a result of the proposed change.

d) While the consultation document does mention, in passing, the SINC (Borough Grade 1 Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) designation on Pinkham Way, the document fails to mention that it is the Council's intention to drop this designation also. There is nothing in the Core Strategy to say whether the SINC is being kept or dropped – the Council appears to be seeking to drop the SINC through omission.

On page 12 of the consultation document the Council suggests that it wishes to safeguard 5 sites where they "continue to meet demand and the needs of modern industry" (unquote). It is obvious that the designation is appropriate only for sites where there are existing buildings and infrastructure that may require formal protection to ensure that subtle changes of use do not compromise the Council's employment policies. Four of the five listed sites meet this situation.

1) **Crusader Industrial Estate N15** – a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infrastructure.

2) **Bounds Green Industrial Estate N11** – a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infrastructure.

3) **Cranford Way N8** – a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infrastructure.

