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For the attention of Ms Ciara Whelehan Team Leader Planning Policy Phone: 020 8489 1479 2 November 2011

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.

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4) **Vale Road N15** – a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infrastructure.

The circumstances of the **Friern Barnet Sewage Works** does not warrant this site being included in this list. The use of the name "Friern Barnet Sewage Works" is grossly misleading – it has not been this for over 50 years. There are no buildings or infrastructure that "continue to meet demand and the needs of modern industry". If the Council was prepared to be accurate about its intentions for this site, it would not refer to it as if it is a fully operating sewage works and it would not hide it (an open green space unused for industry for half a century) in the middle of a list of fully functioning industrial estates.

As elected representatives of local residents, it is a disappointment that Haringey Council councillors are not, in fact, setting out plans in the Core Strategy for designating Pinkham Wood as a Local Green Space. The NPPF definition of a Local Green Space suggests that it is appropriate:

- a) where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to a centre of population or urban area.
- b) where the green space is demonstrably special to a local community given the potential for tranquility and the richness of its wildlife.

Pinkham Wood is part of a green corridor comprising a recreation ground and a golf course. The golf course is not open to the public and the greater part of the recreation ground is utilised for sports. The local secondary school uses it as its sports ground featuring football. Pinkham Wood would complement these existing uses and should be open to the public for use as a facility for less energetic pastimes — walking, observing nature and rejoicing in the tranquility of a wooded area brimming with flora and fauna. The council has made no attempt to have this debate with local people and seek their opinion on alternative designation which may be far more beneficial for the local community. Positioning new designations so as to support the introduction of a wholly inappropriate industrial designation is clearly not in the interests of these local residents who would be most affected.

Please accept this letter as my objection to the inclusion, in the Core Strategy, of the land designation changes to the Friern Barnet Sewage Works site on the grounds that the second consultation on this matter is flawed and misrepresentative of the requested changes. The proposed changes for the Friern Barnet Sewage Works site should be removed.

Yours sincerely,

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