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Importance: High LDF Team, London Borough of Haringey

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Dear Sirs

## **RE: Former Friern Barnet Sewerage Works: Change in designation**

Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Publication of Development Plan Document (Reg 27 - Affordable Housing and Employment of Land Designations)

I object to the change in designation for the following reasons:

There is a caveat on this land that it shall be subject to no adverse affect on the nature conversation value of the site. Because of the caveat the Pinkham Woods site and surrounds have become over the 50 years of its existence, the beautiful green nature reserve that it is today, providing a green "set of lungs" for the surrounding area. There is great scientific basis for the health benefits of such tree rich areas to soak up the ill effects of the constantly increasing pollutants. To change the usage of this area to "industrial" is a great arrogance to the generations of people who respected the caveats and upheld them creating this valuable ecology spot in this area. There is already a great lack of green spaces in this area and nature and biodiversity will without a doubt suffer for concreting area of these natural spaces.

The change in use is not based on robust or credible evidence. There have been no alternatives put forward and there seems to be no concrete evidence for why the largest waste treatment plant in Europe should be sited in a very densely residential area. Haringey should designate this area a local nature reserve

and follow through from it's designated status of being grade 1 borough importance in terms of conservation. The sewerage works have not been used for any industrial or employment purpose for over half a century, and should be protected for the future – there is no justification in terms of conservation or biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

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