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To: LDF
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Dear Sir,

Regarding the LBH proposed site allocation for housing on Hornsey Filter Beds, I believe that this is

(1) an inappropriate proposal as a new connection between Wood Green and Alexandra Palace because there is easier access to Hornsey via the public footpath connecting to Cross Lane. This would mean all traffic would use the current Newland Road connection to Nightingale Lane. Any excessive pressure on the Nature Area would be avoided.

and (2) Any new connection with Alexandra Park via the Penstock tunnel would be unnecessary. The present road connection to Alexandra Park, is in fact quite adequate and short.

(3) Furthermore, to remove MOL status in order to build anything bigger than 2 or 3 storey buildings, would cause the degradation of the immediate Nature Area along this side of the Park. The original use of the site as Filter Beds provided much insect food for migrating swifts and other birds. The bats in the tunnel to New River and the presence of Great Crested Grebe and also Kingfisher should mean that low-rise buildings sensitively mixed with green landscaping are essential.

& (4) Any additional pressure on drainage systems, particularly with respect of the relatively recent flooding of the high-rise buildings lower down, must be carefully limited due to our fluctuating weather patterns.

Respectfully,

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