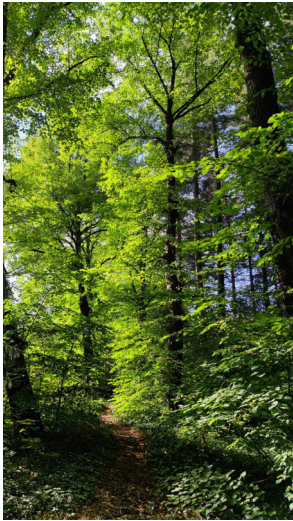


Protect Neukölln's biggest forest

<https://emmauswald-bleibt.de>



Neukölln's largest forest is to be destroyed in order to build luxury condominiums. Our initiative is campaigning for the preservation of the biotope in the immediate vicinity of S-Hermanstraße because its functions are irreplaceable, especially in this heavily polluted and disadvantaged neighbourhood. The district of Neukölln



has spoken out across party lines against this building project by BUWOG (a subsidiary of VONOVIA). Unfortunately, the Berlin Senate has taken over the process and is seeking to implement the project as quickly as possible. This must be prevented through public pressure. Write an email to the responsible senator, Mr. Gaebler, today (we typed it for you in German - feel free to change it):

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What's happening?

The Berlin Senate is about to give BUWOG permission to build 440 luxury condominiums on the former Emmaus cemetery. This part of the cemetery has not been actively used for over 40 years and has developed into an ecologically valuable forest. Over 20 bird species have been recorded, including strictly protected species such as the goshawk. Rare insects love this place because dead wood and leaves are left to rot. Shrubs grow wild and provide shelter for animals. The soil quality is superb. In short, the Emmaus forest is a biotope. The BUWOG project would inevitably destroy this biotope.

Why is it bad?

Not only is this project destroying an important ecosystem, it does nothing to alleviate the housing crisis. The apartments to be built on forest land are designed to be luxury apartments that only millionaires can afford. The housing crisis in Berlin can only be solved with affordable apartments for everyone. For the last eight years BUWOG has had permission to build exactly these low-cost apartments on the neighbouring **vacant land**, but has no intention of doing so. We therefore call on the Senate to force BUWOG to build or to expropriate it.

Where is EmmausWald?

The forest is part of the former Emmauskirchhof on Hermannstraße and is best reached via Mariendorfer Weg or Carl-Weder Park.

