

Pinkham Way Alliance

Press Release - for immediate release

Photo opportunity March 29, 6.30pm ,Town Hall, Hendon

Residents unite to stop north London waste plant

North London residents will lobby Barnet Council cabinet members next Tuesday (March 29) over plans to build a waste recycling site on the North Circular at Muswell Hill/Friern Barnet.

A decision is due to be made at the cabinet meeting to approve the North London Waste Plan, which includes the building of a 150m long, 23m high recycling plant (plus chimney) within 250m of the nearest dwellings. We have many major concerns about these plans, including massive traffic congestion from 1,200 vehicle movements a day, most of which will be trucks, increased pollution, and the loss of an important green space.

Photo opportunity: Tuesday March 29 6.45pm The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG.

Residents and children will protest outside the town hall, while a representative of the Pinkham Way Alliance will ask cabinet members about the impact of the scheme on local people.

Interviews: Representatives of the Pinkham Way Alliance and other local residents will be available for interviews.

Ends

Notes for editors

The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) is due to put for the North London Waste Plan before Haringey council in May. See our website www.pinkhamwayalliance.org for more information.

The former industrial site, untouched since the 1960s, has become a refuge for bats and rare plants. In 1988 Barnet and Haringey councils designated it as public open space and designated some of it for nature conservation.

The waste plant would be the biggest of its kind in the UK - similar plants in Europe are built far away from towns and cities where they do not disrupt people's lives.