

Pinkham Way Alliance
Press Release - for immediate release
Photo opportunity July 18, 7.00pm Haringey Civic Centre
(opposite Wood Green tube station)

Residents to lobby Haringey Council over waste plant planning application

North London residents will lobby Haringey Council next Monday (July 18) to call for them to stop the validation of a planning application for a waste treatment plant and vehicle depot at Pinkham Way.

We say the planning application should not be validated until the North London Waste Plan, on which it is based, undergoes a proper and full examination in public in January next year.

The issue is to be debated at the council meeting on Monday evening in a motion put forward by the Lib Dems.

The plans, on the site of Pinkham Wood, include a building which will be 150m long, 23m (75ft) high (plus chimney), which will be located just 85m from 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. There are at least 11,000 homes within a 1km radius of the site and many schools, the nearest of which is only 300m away.

We contend that the North London Waste Plan is deeply flawed, especially in the way the criteria used to select the Pinkham Way site were applied.

Photo opportunity: Monday July 18, 7.00pm
Residents and children will protest outside the Civic Centre
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) put its planning application before Haringey Council in June. Consultation on the North London Waste Plan closed on July 8 but it is not due to be examined fully until a public meeting in January 2012. See our website www.pinkhamwayalliance.org for more information.

Pinkham Wood has been untouched since the 1960s and has become a refuge for bats and rare plants. Haringey council has designated it as a grade 1 site for nature conservation.

The waste plant would be one of the biggest of its kind in the UK - similar plants in Europe are built far away from towns and cities where they can cause less disruption to people's lives.