

Pinkham Way Alliance
Press Release
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Haringey Council acknowledges residents' concerns and puts waste site planning application on hold.

Haringey Council has decided it will not look at a planning application for a massive waste treatment plant at Pinkham Wood until after the North London Waste Plan has undergone proper scrutiny by a planning inspector.

The move, announced at a council meeting on Monday evening, means the North London Waste Authority's plans to build a mechanical and biological treatment plant in a residential area on the busiest section of the A406 North Circular Road, are officially 'on hold'. They will not be considered by the council until April 2012 at the earliest.

Local individuals and groups, including the ***Pinkham Way Alliance***, made representations to the council arguing that the planning application should not be looked at before the deeply flawed North London Waste Plan is examined by the planning inspector.

Pinkham Way Alliance chair Bidesh Sarkar said:

'Thanks to the support of local people we have managed to stop any attempt to even look at these plans before the matter of the North London Waste Plan is properly resolved.

'We have uncovered massive flaws in the plan that makes it totally unfit for purpose. The most important of these is the choice of Pinkham Wood as a potential site for a waste treatment plant. It should never have been included in any shortlist, let alone chosen for a 300,000 tonne a year waste factory that will be working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

'We do not believe that London needs another waste treatment plant, given that we are producing less waste than in the past and that there is significant scope to reduce waste levels even further.

'When local people voice their concerns about their communities they can make a difference. This delay a small victory, but it is important that everyone realises that this is not the end of the story. We fully expect the North London Waste Authority to re-submit its plans, probably next year. When they do, we will be even stronger and we will be ready to fight them.'

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Information for editors

PWA's legal submission

This is our response to the North London Waste Plan, to which over 850 individual supporters attached their names.