

North London Waste Plan Consultations
North London Waste Authority
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To whom it may concern,

RE: Consultation into North London Waste Plan.

We are writing collectively as Labour representatives and candidates in Barnet to object to proposals included in the North London Waste Plan to consider locations in Colindale, Mill Hill, and Brunswick Park for potential sites for new waste facilities, as contained in your Options Appraisal for Sites and Areas to be taken forward in the Proposed Submission NLWP, updated in October 2020. These proposals raise serious concerns for local residents and should be rejected.

The Draft plan identifies Priority Areas which have the potential for new waste management facilities if required. In Barnet, these are designated employment areas which could be subject to waste use applications without the NLWP. We understand that the identification of a Priority Area within the NLWP does not mean that a new waste facility will be brought forward and that any proposal to be made for a waste facility at these locations would be subject to the usual planning process.

However, we have limited trust in the system given the troubling history of waste site management in Barnet, which saw a decade of campaigning over the proposed Pinkham Way site, the expensive establishment of the Oakleigh Road South depot and the devastating impact of waste management sites in Cricklewood.

The plan as currently drafted proposes potential sites at Oakleigh Road, Brunswick Industrial Park, Mill Hill Industrial Estate and Connaught Business Centre. None of these locations are suitable. They are all in residential areas and are accessed by local roads that could not sustain high volumes of regular waste vehicle traffic, with the accompanying noise and pollution such sites create. We want to register our objection in the strongest terms to their inclusion in the plan.

Residents fear that these hypothetical proposals may become fact, given the notorious incompetence of Barnet Council. They should not have to deal with the anxiety and stress of worrying about whether these sites will become waste management sites in the future, and the impact on their neighbourhoods, their quality of life, their property values and their health.

These proposals are not fit for purpose and do not enjoy local support. The sites should be removed from the plan in the final version.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Barry Rawlings, on behalf of the Barnet Labour Group
Cllr Alan Schneiderman, Barnet Labour Environment Spokesperson

Cllr Anne Clarke, Labour Candidate for Barnet and Camden

Andrew Dismore AM, London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden

Emma Whysall, Labour candidate for Chipping Barnet, 2017 and 2019 General Elections

David Pinto-Duschinsky, Labour candidate for Hendon 2019 General Election