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Dear [Name],

The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) is about to lock Enfield and six other boroughs into high carbon emissions for decades to come by building a £1.2 billion incinerator complex in Edmonton. Procurement for the construction will begin at the end of this month, which will make this process more difficult to stop.

Before it's too late, please help to call for a **pause and review** of the plans, which were drawn up under circumstances that no longer apply and out of step with Enfield's efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions, and improve air quality.

The main issues are:

- **overcapacity**: In view of the London Plan's 65% recycling target for 2030, the planned incinerator is **three times too large** for North London's needs. It will be 30% larger than the current incinerator although waste generation has been falling since 2015 (counter to the NLWA's projections) and although up to 85% of the waste that is currently incinerated could be recycled. **Waste will need to be shipped into North London** from farther afield to ensure the facility operates at capacity.
- **carbon emissions**: During its lifetime, the facility would produce **as much CO₂ as all of London does in two full years**. Despite legally binding national carbon budgets and local climate emergency

declarations:

- the incinerator will release **700,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year**;
 - the **shipping of waste into North London** will produce additional **carbon emissions and road congestion**;
 - the construction of this massive facility will release large amounts of **embodied carbon emissions**; and
 - the incinerator is to heat homes through "**energy-from-waste**", which is far **more carbon-intensive than alternatives** such as grid-based heat pumps.
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- **air pollution**: The incinerator will release ultra-fine particulate matter (PM1 and PM0.1) that cannot be filtered from the air we breathe and that have been linked to **higher vulnerability to infectious diseases such as Covid-19** as well as higher disease and mortality rates.

 - **failure to meet city and national recycling targets**: North London's recycling rate has decreased from 33% to 30% since 2015, missing the targets of 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020 by a wide margin. As a result, the NLWA **burns at least 320,000 tonnes of recyclable and compostable waste every year**. Incineration has consistently been linked to low recycling rates.
 - According to Veolia's website, about 85% of an average waste bin in Enfield can be recycled.
 - Enfield's current recycling rate is around 31%, well below the UK average of 43.5%, and far lower than those of boroughs

such as Croydon, whose current rate is 48%.

- **failure to achieve value for money**: At a time of great financial insecurity, the facility will cost taxpayers **£1.2 billion**, money that could be spent to boost recycling, reduce waste, create green jobs, and place North London on a path to reach the Mayor's carbon neutrality target by 2030.
- **lack of public scrutiny**: The NLWA failed to conduct a wide public consultation completely missing some boroughs e.g. Camden. The consultation only focussed on a small area around the incinerator site, but failed to inform residents there that the facility would burn waste from outside of North London.

Please help ensure that Enfield residents are given a chance to benefit from a more sustainable solution that is in line with Enfield's Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration and national and municipal waste and emissions policies.

Will you agree to call for a pause and review before the end of this month?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
[your name & contact details]