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Dear Martin

You will soon be awarding the contract to develop the Energy from Waste plant on the Eco-Park in Edmonton.

We are pleased you have commissioned a replacement plant which will be one of the cleanest in the world and will dramatically reduce the nitrogen oxides in the atmosphere. We also welcome the fact that the energy the plant produces will help the borough in its drive to cut carbon emissions by reducing our dependency on gas and providing heat and electricity for tens thousands of local homes.

However, I am writing to you to underline that there are still significant levels of community concern about the proposed new heat from waste power plant.

Despite reassurances, residents and local councillors are very worried about the air pollution from the new incinerator which will be a significantly larger plant than the current one. Our community also wants to do more recycling and feels the size of the incinerator will mean that there is an incentive to produce more waste in order to feed the associated District Energy Network.

I am asking the North London Waste Authority to consider a pause and review of the project and, in particular, to consider whether more can be done to reduce its environmental impact. For instance, we would like the carbon capture element of the facility to be installed from the very beginning and not in a few years' time, in order to reduce CO2 emissions.

Before members of the NLWA take a decision on the procurement it is vital that the Authority is absolutely clear that the proposal is the best way to dispose of waste in North London and the environmental concerns of residents have been properly and fully taken into account.

Haringey, together with other North London boroughs, are setting up a forum to work with local communities to discuss the future of waste disposal with a focus on the concerns regarding the Edmonton facility and methods for increasing recycling rates.

We are also keen to work with partners, including environmental campaigners, and the NLWA to produce a "less waste, more circular" reuse and recycling programme which aims to achieve a 65% and better recycling rate by the mid-2030s.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peray Ahmet', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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