

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2022 AT 2.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, CROWDALE CENTRE, 218 EVERS HOLT STREET,
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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

14. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

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The following deputation statements are
attached:

- Dorothea Hackman, XRCamden
- Malcolm Stow, Stop! The Edmonton Incinerator Now!
- Sam Mason, London, Eastern and South East TUC Environmental Sustainability and Just Transition Network

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Agenda Item 14

From: [XR Camden](#)
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Subject: Deputation from XRCamden to NLWA meeting 23/6/22
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NB this deputation needs to be taken before the election of chair and vice chair

Extinction Rebellion Camden is a campaigning environmental organisation focussed on addressing and taking action on the Climate emergency and it is in one of the seven boroughs involved in the NLWA.

This deputation is express concern over the length of time one individual has remained chair of the NLWA. It is good practice to rotate the role of chair, and even for charities the guidance is a nine year limit. We urge members of the NLWA to elect a different chair.

A list of concerns has been sent to the Secretary of State asking for him to take direct control of the NLWA to ensure accountability and responsibility. Note that all these issues have arisen during the last decade under the current chair.

All members of NLWA have been copied the letter to the SoS, but in brief:

An appeal has gone to the secretary of State to take over the management of the North London Waste Authority where irregularities and questionable planning will result in stranded assets for the seven north London boroughs including Camden, and appalling impact on environment and public health in a climate emergency.

Fiduciary failures and false emissions claims, governance problems, misleading flawed data and reckless misinformation are amongst the concerns brought to SoS Gove's attention. These need to be addressed by the NLWA AGM before considering election of the chair and vice chairs.

Dorothea Hackman [REDACTED]
for XRCamden [REDACTED]

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Stop! NLWA deputation 6/2022.

Dear Councillors, chair Loakes and CEO Martin Capstick.

Some of you are new to this board and AGM.

Others including chair Loakes and CEO Capstick have been on this board for a very long time.

This makes governance of the board difficult to challenge, as the remaining members change so often, they are kept out of the information loop. Such governance of private/public partnerships has been described as ineffective and not open to challenge. Effective challenge is exactly the role councillors have on this board. Not, on behalf solely of the NLWA corporate entity, but of the 2.1 million residents of the 7 council boroughs.

Since the beginning of this project in January 2000, and since we became aware of this project publicly only in 2016/17, we have made deputations to this board regarding the EfW and H&P project, and its harmful effects, on the health, and public purse, of the residents of Edmonton, Enfield, and South Chingford in particular.

Of the CO2 and harmful toxic plastic and metal particulate fumes that have blighted our communities since the first incin. opened in 1979.

The campaigning group Stop! has petitioned and made deputations to every AGM since we became aware of this project, that has been kept confidential from public scrutiny, without adequate explanation, until a 2-300 leaflet public consultation, and frankly laughable public consultation exercises since 2016.

The campaigning group set up is now representing well over 100 residents across the 7 boroughs, and many hundreds more supporters united against the rebuild. Over this period we have alerted the often-changing board members to several exacting issues.

- 1) That there are proven examples of alternatives to waste to energy generation, namely solar, wind and water, and, the UK can be easily self-sufficient by 2035, without unnecessary and inefficient Energy from Waste. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-acceleration-of-homegrown-power-in-britains-plan-for-greater-energy-independence> noting no mention of energy from waste, even as low carbon renewables, as NLWA claim; and which energy from waste definitely is not (either renewable or low-carbon. Each 1 tonne waste burned = 1 tonne (invisible) CO2 greenhouse gas in the atmosphere along with plastic and metal particulate.) [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - U.S. Energy Information Administration \(EIA\)](#)
- 2) Energy from Waste generation has worse polluting emissions than coal, yet continues to be claimed as renewable or low carbon. It is neither, it is worse than coal. <http://www.energyjustice.net/incineration/worsethancoal>
<https://www.clientearth.org/latest/latest-updates/stories/the-environmental-impacts-of-waste-incineration>
- 3) There are many proven examples of alternative waste management, now, that needs scaling up through pre-sorting recycling reuse and reduce, at the Edmonton site, and are not harmful to communities, wildlife and the planet. Ref. <https://www.letsrecycle.com/>
- 4) The NLWA proposal is oversized. NLWA use scare tactics over quantities of residual waste, that are not pre-sorted, and they then continue to refuse (!) to consider pre-sorting even

though pre-sorting recycling as resources payback is proven technology, locally, and at scale. Residual waste could be as low as 15% of current waste that is incinerated. UKWIN (UK without Incineration) <http://ukwin.org.uk/>

- 5) Alternatives to reducing residual waste need upscaling now, at the Edmonton site, pre-sorting and recycling now to meet current and future needs as urgent. Carbon capture is an unproven and unfeasible technology at any scale.

<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/2021/07/20/top-5-reasons-carbon-capture-and-storage-ccs-is-bogus/>

- 6) The NLWA and Heat&Power projects will not achieve net zero by 2050 and will be a stranded expensive asset at councils and council tax payer's expense. We need to achieve net zero anyway much earlier, 2030-35 absolute latest. Council and councillors on this board have a duty to challenge NLWA propaganda. The Edmonton site could be reconfigured for pre-sorting and recycling at least 85% of currently incinerated waste (UKWIN) and truly residual taken by electric barge to Belvedere, already in commission, that eventually itself will be de-commissioned for the real target, that is Zero-Waste by 2030/5.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777315/6.4896_CO_CSPL_Command_Paper_on_Local_Government_Standards_v4_WEB.PDF

<https://zerowasteworld.org>

- 7) The project has not been given due diligence. A single successful bidder Accionia/HZL has a proven public record of corruption, fraud, anti-competitive cartel, bribing politicians, hiring and firing, under paying and closing projects, poor labour relations and safety globally (Brazil, Columbia, Canada, Spain). Previous NLWA boards have been made aware of these facts, but have chosen to ignore this matter of public record.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/spain-antitrust-construction-idUSL1N2PROFB> ;

<https://spainsnews.com/the-cnmc-files-13-construction-companies-for-rigging-development-contracts-economy/>

https://www.elplural.com/politica/marjaliza-acusa-entrecanales-donar-60-000-euros-partido-popular-punica-granados_203314102

<https://carabanchel.net/reabierto-expediente-sancionador-a-acciona-acs-fcc-ferrovial-ohl-sacyr-e-isolux-corsan-por-presunto-reparto-de-obras-publicas/>

<https://www.semana.com/nacion/articulo/rio-magdalena-las-grandes-dudas-sobre-el-contrato-del-rio-magdalena/515475/>

<https://www.globalconstructionreview.com/acciona-clashes-with-vancouver-council-over-water-contract-termination/>

- 8) The governance of NLWA is under scrutiny now by the government levelling-up Tsar Gove, and the project must be paused and reviewed. This is all we have been asking for all this time, pause and review. Yet denied over and over again. What is NLWA worried about?

<https://enfielddispatch.co.uk/gove-asks-burning-questions-about-incinerator/>

- 9) Chair Loakes, CEO Capstick, and Cllrs. you need to ask yourselves what is the problem with an independent review of this oversized, overcostly and unnecessary project?

What have cllr Loakes and CEO Capstick got to be concerned about this? That it will delay a project that has already been delayed for over ten years? that we have been challenging for the last 7 years, and have taken to high court, but have run out of funds to continue challenge? because the NLWA has used our public money to challenge us back until we cannot afford further litigation while they can, out of our taxes?

Doesn't this seem a bit, unfair?

Now, you can do something about this. Our campaign is not a lost cause just because the building has started. Campaigns like this are going on all over England, Wales, and now Scotland as Wales, have sensibly paused and reviewed energy from waste, and have imposed a moratorium, ie stopping all new Energy from Waste projects, phasing out existing (eg Edmonton) as soon as possible.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/putting-limits-on-incineration-capacity/>

My aim today is to politely and respectfully ask chair Loakes/CEO Capstick, and for cllrs on this board, to ask them also, in public, now, why a simple pause and review has not been agreed before on these points, made simply and succinctly to the board many times before, including through high court proceedings?

At the previous AGM approving Acciona two cllrs challenged NLWA for the very first time.

It is a specific duty of cllrs on the board to challenge, despite being advised by chair Loakes and CEO Capstick otherwise.

It is you yourselves, as councillors, that have a duty to challenge. Why have board members been effectively directed to not challenge and agree this contract without due diligence?

Why are all now all Labour board members, and CEO Capstick linked himself as a civil servant to the failing overpriced High Speed Rail project, acting against the public interest?

Why? Answers please, Chair Loakes and CEO Capstick of NLWA.

Given all the information and references you have heard from deputations today, the new Scotland Moratorium and now Government intervention to investigate the NLWA and Heat&Power project, for cost, and public benefit, why not challenge the NLWA to a vote, as is your duty?

To Pause&Review and bring in the alternatives that exist now, today.

Stop! The Edmonton Incinerator Now! Campaign. Thank you.

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From: [Samantha Mason](#)
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Dear Cheryl,

I'm writing to request a deputation slot at the NLWA meeting on Thursday 23rd June. My deputation would be as a representative of the London, Eastern and South East TUC Environmental Sustainability and Just Transition Network.

I wish to raise issues of jobs and employment in relation to the Edmonton waste incinerator/Edmonton Eco Park. In particular, the assertion that this contributes to the creation of so called 'green jobs'. Rather than creating work through energy from waste, falsely ascribed as 'renewable' energy, there would be many jobs that could be created in energy conservation, and a real circular economy, contributing to meeting the demands of a climate emergency.

The ESJTN has previously made a deputation to the NWLA and we hope to present again, particularly to new NWLA representatives, arguments around jobs and the incinerator, as well as to highlight any new points arising since then for continuing representatives.

I look forward to your confirmation of details this deputation at the meeting.

Best wishes,
Sam Mason
Representative of LESE TUC ESJTN
Resident Waltham Forest [REDACTED]

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