

Incinerator fight goes to the London Mayor

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Protesters are gearing up to take their campaign to block an incinerator from being built to Boris Johnson.

Sutton Council gave planning permission for an energy recovery facility (ERF) to be built in Beddington Lane, on Croydon's boarder, on Wednesday.

The plant will burn up to 275,000 tonnes of non-recyclable household waste from Sutton, Croydon, Kingston and Merton and convert it into energy. It will replace the existing landfill site that will be converted into a park.

Campaigners are opposed to the plans because they believe the plant will cause pollution that could lead to raised mortality rates - fears the council's planning officers dismissed ahead of last Wednesday's heated meeting.

Councillors were told there were no valid planning grounds on which to turn the application down and several of the committee members admitted they found themselves in an awkward position before voting to give the application planning permission.

Although planning permission was given, London Mayor Boris Johnson could still veto the plan



Burning issue: The incinerator and, inset, Boris Johnson

as the ERF would be built on metropolitan open land - areas which are set aside for public use.

Just seconds before he voted to approve the planning permission, Coun Leach said: "We are between a rock and a hard place on this matter - we have heard if we refuse the application there will be an appeal.

"There is still the Mayor of London who has to give his permission for the use of metropolitan open land. You should organise a very, very major campaign to the Mayor of London."

Protest Group Stop the Incinerator has started a petition against the incinerator, which will be delivered to Mr Johnson before he makes a decision, and is

distributing letters which people can send to the Mayor's office if they oppose the plans.

The letter concludes: "The proposed site is Metropolitan Open Land. We were promised it would be returned to the community - a community with a high density of population and few green spaces. For all our futures, our community will fight to increase recycling and lobby manufacturers and supermarkets to cut packaging. I do not want my legacy to be a threat to the health and quality of life of family, neighbours and future generations - do you?"

A spokesman for the Mayor of London's office said Mr Johnson would look at evidence from both sides before coming to a decision.

Appeal after armed robbery

Armed robbers held up a convenience store in Croydon.

Metropolitan Police flying squad detectives are appealing for witnesses and information following an armed robbery at the Nisa convenience store in Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.

Police were called shortly before 9pm on Sunday, May 12, to reports of three men, one with a gun, having robbed the Nisa convenience store in Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.

The three men had made off with a quantity of cash prior to officers,



Robbed: Nisa CR76355

including armed officers, attending the scene. A search of the area did not locate any suspects.

Detectives from the flying squad are investigating.

It is believed there were four suspects in total - three who entered the store and one who waited outside. They are described as black

males, aged between 18 and 25 wearing dark coloured clothing.

It is understood one of the suspects assaulted the shop worker in the store at the time demanding he open the till. The victim's injuries were minor.

It is believed the assault was carried out by the suspect holding the gun.

Nobody has been arrested at present and enquiries continue.

Any witnesses or anyone with any information should call the flying squad on 020 7232 6530 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Sporting success for girls' school

Pupils at Coloma Convent Girls School are celebrating athletics success, 14 years after two of their

teachers won the same award as students at the school.

The 10-strong team

triumphed for the third year at Croydon Schools Athletic Championships last week.

Five in fast fire escape

Five people living in flats above a dry cleaners escaped uninjured after a fire in the shop.

Crews from Woodside and Beckenham fire station were called to High Street, South Norwood, at 7.04am on Tuesday and the blaze was brought under control by 7.45am.

A London Fire Brigade spokesman said 25 per cent of the ground floor had been damaged by fire.

The occupants in the flats above left before crews arrived using an internal staircase and no one was injured in the incident.

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