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Hi, I've been made aware of plans to build a crematorium on the Firs Farm site (Firs Lane entrances) in Winchmore Hill.

As a homeowner on Hyde Park Avenue with two young children, we use the space in its entirety. Therefore, I write to object to these proposals on the following grounds:

1. It's a very popular open space for everyone in the area - adults, kids, elderly ... all ages alike! And given the mental health issues since the pandemic, these spaces are needed more than ever. And you'll be taking away that source of mental well-being.
2. It would create significant congestion. There's already a secondary school on Firs Lane, speed restriction barriers, and the new bus stops causing slower traffic on the street. There are also popular sports and recreation activities on the school grounds on weekends. Therefore, there's a clear risk of a surge in traffic congestion on what is already a busy stretch given its links to the A10/A406, which will inevitably spill onto all surrounding roads.
3. By taking away the existing football pitches, kids are losing out on a key source of recreational activity and exercise. If there's less reason for young kids to go out and exercise, we're inevitably increasing the risks of child obesity and kids even potentially resorting to anti social behaviour.
4. It's a critical green space. Given the climate issues we face, we should preserve all the greenery we can.

I appreciate you taking these considerations into account.

Thanks, and all the best.