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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have just been made aware of the proposed plan to use Firs Farm Recreation Ground (Part) as a place to build a new crematorium for Enfield.

I am writing to you to raise my concerns about this proposal. As a child, adolescent and adult psychotherapist I recognise in particular the importance of green spaces for maintaining and sustaining young people as well as adults mental health.

In fact I believe so many studies have shown the link between being in a natural environment and part of a community and improvements in mental health.

Seeing as this is of such concern at the moment, I would have thought the last thing we need is for this to be proposed.

In addition the wetlands is close to Edmonton which is significantly lower socio economic bracket to other parts of the borough .

The Friends of Firs Farm have put a lot of work into making it such a lovely area for locals and have plans to build a cafe and meeting area in the very near future. It would be horrendous to lose this space.

Firs Farm Wetlands have become an amazing community space that is not just enabling people to get out and exercise and for children to learn about and observe nature, it also provides a space to look after people's mental well-being and has been crucial for lots of individuals and families during lockdown.

It has also grown into an important habitat for a wide range of native species and encourages biodiversity.

Taking away from that and replacing part of it with the built up area a crematorium would provide will undo a lot of the work that has been put in and take away important green space that we very much need in our local area for people's well being, children's learning and for the community to come together. The Friends of Firs Farm Wetlands have achieved amazing things that have brought people together and kindled an interest in nature and biodiversity and it would be most concerning to take that away from the community.

I also strongly believe that we have to protect the green spaces we have left and not sell and built up every bit of green that we can get our hands on, especially after the recent IPCC report on climate change.

I really hope you will reconsider the location of the proposed development.

Yours faithfully,

