

To whom it may concern,

The proposal to build a crematorium on Firs Farm is a disgrace. The Wetlands has been a resounding success; I cannot think of a more popular project in recent times, driven by the dedication of local volunteers. It would be a travesty to waste their hard efforts.

Moreover, I cannot understand why the council would even consider ruining the goodwill the Wetlands has created with such an ill-judged proposal. This is a remarkable misreading of local sentiment.

The plans clearly leave scope for removing the Wetlands, as the proposal would see it squeezed in between the graveyard and the crematorium. The evident direction of travel is not acceptable, railroading future desecration of the space and diminishing the quality of life for thousands of people who use it regularly.

The Wetlands and parkland of Firs Farm are an invaluable public space utilised by people from all generations and disparate backgrounds. It's not just a sanctuary for wildlife but also for the mental well-being of the community. This move would be unpopular with every segment of the community!

In my own family it's provided my children with a place to learn how to ride bikes and learn about nature, me with a venue to for recreation and my mother/mother-in-law with a place of mental relief and sanctuary during the pandemic and beyond. Firs Farm has literally been a lifesaver for multitudes in the locality.

There are at least 4 crematoriums within a 10 mile radius. Why is another one necessary? Surely the existing venues can have their capacity increased? Even if a new venue is deemed necessary, choosing a location that does not come at the expense of a vast local community would surely be the logical conclusion?

Do NOT destroy a loved and valued space for residents of Edmonton, Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill.