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Dears Sir/Madam

From: Fiona Hammond 109 The Larches, Palmers Green, London, N13 5QD

I strongly object to draft policy DN BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because:

The proposal will adversely affect the health and well-being of my family and neighbours due to the close proximity of the planned structure and increase traffic pollution. My sons have played football on the site every weekend for over 20 years. We walk daily around the Wetlands and this has been an enormous benefit to the mental well-being of the whole community, particularly through the pandemic. The proposal will adversely affect the environment and local traffic, and this has not been properly considered in the Integrated Impact Assessment of the draft Local Plan.

Firs Farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well-being of the local people in many ways.

The proposal will significantly affect the Local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation, and reduce biodiversity and nature conservation interest of Firs Farm wetlands, contrary to several other policies in the draft Local Plan.

The proposal will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by Firs Farm wetlands, which Enfield Council has spent more than £1 million to provide.

The draft policy directly contradicts Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft Local Plan. This identify Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.

The policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm wetlands that jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (e.g. from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

I call upon the council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.

I also call upon our local MP and The London Mayor to support our local community and The Friends of Firs Farm in saving this precious community resource.

Kind regards