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Dear Sirs

I strongly object to draft policy DM BG10 in the [Draft Enfield Local Plan](#) (the "Policy").

The Policy allocates Firs Farm Recreation Ground (Site ID SA59) (the "Wetlands") as a site for burial and/or crematorium use.

I oppose this Policy because:

1. The Wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well-being of the local people in many ways.
2. The draft Policy directly contradicts Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft Local Plan. This identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.
3. The proposal will significantly affect the local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation, and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of the Wetlands, contrary to several other policies in the draft Local Plan.
4. The proposal will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by the Wetlands, which Enfield Council has spent more than £1 million to provide.
5. 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.
6. The Policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of the Wetlands which jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (e.g. from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

I therefore call on Enfield Council to remove all reference to the Wetlands from policy SP CL4.

Yours faithfully