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Dear Enfield Council,

I am writing to declare my opposition to the planned construction of a crematorium on land at Firs Farm, Enfield.

This an appalling plan which flies in the face of the excellent work that Enfield Council has done to create a truly inspiring Wetlands environment at Firs Farm.

Crematoriums are high risk polluters. According to the UK-based CDS Group, the crematorium emissions released from crematoria in the Greater London area annually total 9,000 tonnes of carbon and 18,000 kilograms of NOx emissions. There are 24 crematoria in Greater London, meaning that the annual figures for the proposed crematorium would be approximately 375 tonnes of carbon and 750k of NOx emissions.

This area of Enfield already suffers from high pollution levels as Firs Farm borders the very busy A10, while the residential areas already experience a high amount of traffic due to drivers using these roads as a "cut through' from the A10 onto Green Lanes, resulting in unacceptable levels of car activity on what should be relatively quiet streets.

So the council's plan is therefore to put a highly polluting enterprise into an area already suffering from high pollution levels that will also bring further traffic into the area - and perhaps most damning of all to position it almost adjacent to Firs Farm primary school where children are already exposed to the toxicity generated by the A10.

I can only assume that the key driving factor is financial with no thought for the impact that this will have on the health of those who live in this area - and particularly the children of Firs Farm primary school who will be most exposed to the pollutants from the crematorium on a daily basis.

As I stated, I am totally opposed to this plan and hope that a basic level of common sense and decency will be applied which will see this plan scrapped.

