
Draft Local Plan

I strongly request that you remove all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands from Policy SP CL4.

Firs Farm Wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well being of local people.

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. The proposal will significantly affect the local site of interest for NatureConservation, and reduce the 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 £1m. to provide.

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.

The policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm Wetlands that jeopardizes funding for projects secured by local community groups(eg from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported EnfieldCouncil.

I would have thought a better place to site the proposed Crematorium is where the tennis courts used to be and where the skateboard park is on the A10, away from residential properties.