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I have recently learned of the plans to build a Crematorium/burial site at Firs Farm Wetlands. I should be grateful if you could please remove all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands from policy SP CL4.

The Council has only recently, over the last 4 years approximately, spent over £1m on developing First Farm into the wetlands - and what an improvement this has made to the area. It is now a pleasure to go to the Wetlands for recreational use. I cannot see that people would want to walk, cycle, play tennis, football etc if this plan goes ahead. The proposals, if passed, would stop people enjoying the wetlands which are crucial for people's health and wellbeing (both mentally and physically) especially in the trying times we have been through for the last 18 months. Green open spaces are beneficial for health so I cannot understand how and why you are considering building onto this site, which is of very special interest. Has anyone stopped to consider the impact this would have on the wildlife living in the Wetlands? I thought the Council wanted more, not less, green space. Also, the impact this would have on the residents within the immediate vicinity of the proposed Crematorium.

Enfield Crematorium is only about 10 minutes by car further down the Cambridge Road. Is there not enough room there for expansion? Are there really so many deaths requiring cremation in this vastly diverse area where many people will not be cremated due to their faiths or cultural background. If there are so many deaths, why do the Council now need to start building residential properties on every square foot of empty land they can put their hands on. This does not make sense.

I understand there is a proposal for a cafeteria to be situated in/near the Crematorium. Do you think people would really want to relax in the Crematorium Cafe?

There would be a great possibility that eventually the Crematorium/burial site would merge into the existing Cemetery, thus wiping out the wetlands, built to stop the area flooding. I can remember the old Firs Farm where for around 8 months a year it was impossible to walk across the grassland which was under water.

Also, there is a school and nursery backing onto the fields. What impact would this have on the children especially during play time in the playgrounds?

I also understand that Thames Water is providing funding for future projects, endorsed by Enfield Council, Would these proposals not put this into jeopardy?

I would strongly urge you all to reconsider your proposals.

