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I object to draft policy DM 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:

We have lived in this area for 24 years and have watched this site develop especially latterly, thanks especially to the volunteers. It is now a lovely place to go walking and to sit and watch the local wildlife. If it wasn't for this facility during the recent pandemic, I am sure a lot more of us would have had mental problems.

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 Nature Conservation, and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of First Farm wetlands, contrary to several other policies in the draft Local Plan.

I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4