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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 object this policy because

Firs Farm is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well-being of us, the local people. This has been especially important during the last year, during the lockdown due to the pandemic. I walked around Firs Farm when I couldn't go anywhere else. It's natural and very peaceful which I found very good for my mental health.

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 reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation by Firs Farm wetlands, which Enfield Council has spent more than £1 million 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 jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (e.g. from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

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