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I am writing to register my objections to the proposed development of a crematorium at Firs Farm and request that you remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.

I object to draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Local Plan (DLP). This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA 59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because:

1. Firs Farm is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well-being of many local people.
2. The draft policy directly contradicts Strategic Policy SPCL4 in the DLP. This identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.
3. The proposal will significantly affect the Local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation of Firs Farm wetlands, contrary to other policies in the DLP.
4. The proposal will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by the wetlands, which the Council has spent more than £1million to provide.
5. The proposal will adversely affect the environment and local traffic and this has not been properly considered in the Integrated Assessment of the DLP.
6. The proposal introduces uncertainty in to the future of the wetlands that jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (eg from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by the council.

I therefore call upon Enfield Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.