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**Re: proposed crematorium – Firs Farm Wetlands**

It came to my attention (by a post on the Neighbourhood chatroom) that the Council is consulting on the development of a crematorium in Firs Farm Wetlands Park& Playing Fields.

I am finding it absolutely shocking that no direct communication was made by the Council with the local Residents on such an important issue.

This green area is vital for the people who live nearby but not only. It is a piece of special restful area, a lovely oasis for residents of all ages. It's a green buffer from the noise and pollution of A10. It's an asset for all of us as it's so important for our health and wellbeing. We use it for so many purposes - recreational/sport, for social, for educational, etc. It is simply a peaceful place to be and enjoy. I hate to think how many more people would have ended up with emotional/mental problems during these many lockdowns if this park wasn't there for us all to distress and have some sense of normality.

I enjoy going to the Wetlands twice, three times a week. I often meet friends there and we enjoy gentle stroll and a peaceful atmosphere. I also feel safe there if I go on my own. To take this park away from us and deprive us of this green space is simply unthinkable.

I urge the Council to remove all the reference to Firs Farm Wetlands from Policy SP CL4.

Continuing with the project of crematorium will destroy the tranquillity of that area, will create a lot of traffic on the local roads, will negatively impact the prices of properties, will add to the air pollution and noise coming from A10, will create traffic hazards for the local school children, it will impact the whole community in so many damaging ways.

