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**Objection to draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021****Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

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I am writing to object to draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I strenuously object and oppose this policy due to the following reasons.

1. Firs Farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and wellbeing of local residents. 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.

2. The proposal will significantly affect the local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation, and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of Firs Farm wetlands, contrary to several other policies in the draft Local Plan.
3. The proposal will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by Firs Farm wetlands, which Enfield Council has spent more than £1 million to provide. I find it unacceptable that after spending so much money, the previous investment from Enfield Council of £1 million would be wasted. Unless we have his flood alleviation provided by the wetlands, we would be at an increased risk of flooding and this would be a public health risk.
4. 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 road has already suffered from an increase in traffic due to LTN implementation from other roads.
5. The policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm wetlands that jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

6. There is already an Enfield Crematorium and it is one of London's most sizeable. It already has the capacity for services of 150 seats. The outer areas are substantial and the crematorium has onsite parking bays. The Gardens of Remembrance are 50 acres in size. There is absolutely no need for an additional crematorium.
7. The existing Crematorium in Enfield has good transport links and there is no need for an additional one to be built.

I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy **DM BG10.**”