Upon reading the Enfield Draft Plan I am appalled to see plans of a Crematorium on the site of Firs Farm.

Having just seen another recently published document from the Enfield council boasting about our beautiful and plentiful parks and their commitment to continuing to protect our environment, I'm shocked to see even a suggestion of a green space being replaced by a crematorium. The crematorium will also reduce the effectiveness of flood alleviation which the government has invested lots of money into already.

This also contradicts the plan of enhancing our sports and leisure facilities by taking away much used sport pitches.

If you've been to Firs Farm you will know there is lots of unique and special qualities to this space. Not only is it home to beautiful creatures including the Egyptian geese but it is also a education site for our next generation. By doing even the slightest of building works to make way for a crematorium you will be killing wildlife and taking away education from our young people.

During our time in lockdown, firs farm open space was a place to be to escape from everyday pressures and it continues to be a fantastic walking space for the community which in turn supports our mental well-being.

In the plan I cannot see any consideration for increased traffic to the area and seems to not have been carefully considered. The area can be very busy during the weekends with many people visiting the parks and recreational sports. The added traffic for people visiting the crematorium will impact the roads.

Firs farm should be protected at all costs. It is such a unique space to our borough. It has won awards and continues to educate people in biodiversity and wildlife whilst also reducing risks of floods. It is a space for people to walk and be with wildlife, it improves well-being. How can the council think that a crematorium outweighs the good that this place does?

Therefore, I call upon the Enfield Council to remove all references of Fir Farm Wetland space from the policy DM BG10.