

---

Re Local Plan BG10/SA59/p133 (*a site allocated for burial and/or/cremation uses*)

I write as a resident of Farm Road, Winchmore Hill, where I have lived since 1988.

In recent years the development of Firs Farm Wetlands has brought a much needed boost to the area, not only as an enlightened 'green' approach to flood management, but as a community resource and exemplar of good practice in making a green space into a community focus for everyone to enjoy, whatever their age, race or economic status.

The Friends of Firs Farm have worked tirelessly to make this site an example for others to follow. They are continuing their work in building a community hub into potentially a London-wide and nationwide beacon of enlightened planning for a greener and more sustainable future for us all.

During lockdown in 2020 having this green and tranquil space within a short walk of my home was an absolute godsend. Early morning walks, just after dawn, were a precious and peaceful time - whatever the weather - watching the landscape evolve through the seasons was an experience to cherish.

Everyone that I have come across - neighbours, friends, fellow-walkers - could tell you a similar story. In short, in these times when we (and by extension, YOU, our elected councillors) profess so much the importance of conservation, biodiversity, the making and

protection of precious green spaces, it seems a travesty to be wantonly throwing this precious asset literally into the dust.