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I am writing to register my objection for the plans to build a crematorium at the Firs Farm Wetlands site. I am local resident and live very close to Firs Farm (Crawford Gardens N13 5TD). I raise my objections on the following basis;

Since opening in 2015, it has been a place of sanctuary, for my whole family, somewhere that we find peace with our 6-year-old son who has practically grown-up there, learning to scoot, enjoy wild-life and ride his bike; my wife & I exercise there on an almost daily basis; our son's grandparents enjoy the space to explore wildlife with our son, which in the last two years has become of greater significance as it has supported our mental as well as physical well-being.

In the 10yrs we have lived in this area, we have noticed the increase in young families in the area who are also using the space, from both sides of the A10, serving a broad demographic with a more deprived population with fewer open spaces such as this, to the east. We already have an incinerator in the heart of a deprived area which I understand is a net importer of waste, adding to the local air pollution challenges to the population.

Volunteers in the areas have taken a local asset and created a local treasure that has inspired so many of us, my 6-year-old son asked us to buy him a litter picker so that he can help keep it clean which he does with great pride. They host wonderful events, that they put on at their own expense which now draws in more than the immediate residents as it's reputation grows.

Whilst I understand the obligation that the council has to provide burial services for its growing and diverse population, I do not believe that this is the most suitable solution and I would welcome the opportunity for us to be part of further conversations so that there is local consensus on the right solution that can have a positive impact on the local population, but also our environment at what is a significant time in the health of our planet.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.