

I write to object to draft policy DM BG160 in the draft Local Plan which proposes to allocate Firs Farm Wetlands site ID SA59 as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. My objections are based on the following points;

There is a crematorium on the A10. Have Enfield Council investigated the option to extend those existing facilities rather than create a new site bearing in mind the greater cost implications

The proposed siting of a crematorium is in close proximity to schools and residential area. This will significantly affect air quality in the direct vicinity, particularly with young people who will have to contend with smell and pollution caused by the crematorium. Children should not be seeing hearses on a daily basis as this will have an impact on their wellbeing.

Residential properties fall within the unacceptable distance for the siting

There will be increased funeral traffic. This will cause parking issues on Firs Lane and surrounding roads along with the additional bus service introduced in 2020. Parents park on Firs Lane to pick drop/up their children from surrounding schools

Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft Local Plan identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.

These sporting activities will be severely impacted with the closely located crematorium with it's incinerator and car parking issues.

The proposed site will have an impact on the Wetlands. Since it's official opening in 2016, the Wetlands have continued to provide a valuable space for the community and is still documented on Enfield Council website dated March 2016, *'This week saw the opening of the new £900,000 wetlands/flood alleviation scheme and cycleway in Firs Farm Park in Winchmore Hill. The project aims to tackle pollution, prevent flooding, bring wildlife into the park and make it easier for visitors to access the area'*. The

building of a Crematorium or burial ground will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by the current Wetlands site.

A reduced Wetlands area will have an effect on peoples mental /physical health and wellbeing as this facility has continued to serve the community and has been so valuable especially during the Covid lockdowns

This is an ill thought proposal from the council and other alternatives should be looked at