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I object to draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/ or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because: -

1. Firs farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to health, and well being of the local people in many ways.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm wetlands that jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (e.g., from Thames's water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

The area in general has experienced a rapid downgrade , ie) rubbish collections being once every two weeks has resulted in an increase in fly tipping and rubbish being left on the streets. The streets look awful !

Secondly, the number of rodents have increased as well making our lives a true misery.

Adding a crematorium to the area will be the last straw for me and I will consider moving out of Enfield all together. The thought of its existence and presence reminds me of a WW2 film showing the concentration camps. This is the feeling I am experiencing right now ! It is unacceptable. My mental well being will be affected tremendously and you will be responsible if this plan goes ahead.

Your excuses related to the austerity measures and lack of funding has now expired.

You have spent £1million on the wetlands only to throw it all away and for what ? a crematorium ??? Are you serious ???

There are three lovely schools in the immediate area. The thought of our students, children, toddlers ( age 2 - 18 yrs) passing a crematorium to and from school is daunting. It is a negative reminder that death is to come to us all one day. We want them to experience the feeling of living, not dying.

Cemetery:- we all acknowledge and accept the presence of the cemetery nearby. This too has expanded onto the A10. The problem is that without any bushes or trees placed in as a boundary we can witness and see families attending funeral services for their loved ones. It is another reminder of what is to come. We don't need to be reminded. We also believe that the cemetery and crematorium will unite as one and this will be the end of the wetlands altogether.

Pollution: I have no idea what the pollution levels will be like if the crematorium is set up. the smell in the air ? the ashes escaping into the soil in the surrounding area ? Nature ? Anything else set I have not considered ?

**I, therefore, call on the council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.**

Please make note of this email !

