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

The site will be right in the middle of a residential area surrounded by Firm Farm Primary School and the Winchmore Secondary School. This area has a high population of young adults and children. Together, with the consideration of low traffic initiatives for the neighbourhood, plus with fumes emitted from the crematorium, the air quality will be severely reduced, and the wetlands is **vital to the health and well-being** of the local people

The policy goes against many of the ideals that the Draft Plan is supposed to promote.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.

Please remove Firs Farm wetlands from consideration for Policy SP CL4.