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I'm writing to object to the 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, having been a resident of the area for years, it's clear how important the wetlands are to the locals, from those wanting to exercise, get some fresh air, have picnics, play sports, view wildlife, meet family, have some quiet time and so on.

The last 18 months have been hard for all and during this time so many locals have made use of the wetlands as a quiet space, a space for exercise or even just a place where we can meet family and friends. It's also a place of education where local schools and nurseries can take their children and teach them the importance of wildlife, the environment and looking after the local area and, quite frankly, with two small children, it has been a crucial part of our children's development.

The idea that, given the environmental crisis we face, and ever decreasing amount of green space we have, that this proposal is even being considered is shocking. Especially considering the amount of money the council has already put into creating this natural space in the first place. The council should be promoting green space, biodiversity and outdoor facilities. This is not to mention the other benefits of the firs farm wetlands such as the flood alleviation, reduction of traffic etc.

I urge you to see sense and reject this draft policy and keep the wetlands untouched.