I would like to voice my objections to the proposed building of a crematorium on Firs Farm wetlands

I object to draft policy DM BG16 in the draft Enfield local plan which allocates Firs Farm wetlands (site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because:

- 1. The wetlands is a valuable asset and vitally important to the people in the area and beyond; it is essential to the health and mental well being of the local people. During the COVID lockdowns it became a sanctuary for peace and tranquillity
- 2. The draft policy goes against strategic policy SP CL4 which identifies Firs Farm as facilitating the development of sport and leisure facilities
- 3. It will reduce the biodiversity of the wetlands at a time when climate change is such an important issue
- 4. It will adversely affect the flood alleviation provided by the wetlands bearing in mind that Enfield council has spent more than a million pounds to provide it
- 5. The immediate area has two schools, a nursery and community centre which will be adversely affected by smoke and ash produced by a crematorium
- 6. Enfield already has a large crematorium, can the building of an additional one be justified? Is there any evidence to support the need for an additional crematorium?
- 7. It will destroy ancient hedgerows and affect the local environment
- 8. The plan jeopardises funding which has already been secured for loca community groups that have already been endorsed by Enfield council

I call on the council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from policy SP CL4