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I am sending this email, as I oppose and I wish you to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4’.

“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.

1: I oppose this policy because I use the wetland on weekly basis to go for walks with my children. You will be destroying a vital piece of our community to build something that will only bring sadness and pain for people who use the wetlands often. And seeing people going to funerals and having to explain to our children what that building is being use for is something a lot of parents will feel uncomfortable doing.

2: 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.

3: The cremation is being built so close to my daughter’s school, (Firs Farm Primary School) which I clearly object to. It clearly shows that Enfield council are being inconsiderate and it’s all about making money for yourselves.

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. Considering the amount of rain we have had we need the land to soak up the rain to prevent flooding and we can only expect flooding will become a major issue for a lot of councils in the near future.

5: 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. My children have used the grounds for sport’s day organised by Firs Farm Primary School and the school will not be able to do this if the plans go ahead. It’s also lovely to see the land being used for children to play football. It keeps them off the street and committing violence.

6: 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. Again all my children have used the wetlands for nature education. We are trying to teach our children the importance to protect our environment and our nature, and to care for plants and animals and the council are trying to create a barrier in their learning.

7: The wetlands during the pandemic has been a life saver for hundreds of families, trying to escape being locked up in their homes. There are many people who do not have gardens. It’s lovely to see so many people using the wetlands for walks, sports, picnics, meeting up with friends, play dates etc. It’s has been good for people’s health and mental well-being.

8: The cremation will create fumes and the children at Firs Farm Primary school will be able to smell these unpleasant fumes and it will have a negative affect on the school and the young children.

Of all the land you could use, why build it next to a school.

Who are Enfield council representing? Are they not meant to represent the residents and the school? Or are Enfield council just representing their pockets?

So I strongly reject your plans for the cremation in the wetlands.

