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I strongly 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. Firs Farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well-being of the local people in many ways.

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 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.

The proposed site is within close proximity to Firs Farm Primary School, which regularly uses the wetlands as a vital educational resource, with several educational trips conducted for the children throughout the year. There is also great concern about the fumes from the proposed crematorium wafting towards the school and playground.

I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4. This beautiful and tranquil residential area that is used by thousands of families and wildlife will be immensely affected by this proposal.

Thank you for listening and considering my objection.