
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On behalf of the headship and governing body of Firs Farm School please take note that we 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. We oppose this policy because:

1. Firs Farm wetlands is a vitally important resource for our school. We use it for delivering many curriculum areas including art and science. Any encroachment on the wetlands impacts our ability to do this as it will restrict the amount of access we have.
2. We believe this will have a detrimental impact on the biodiversity and nature of conservation of the area: again impacting how well we can deliver the curriculum. This area is listed a local site of interest and the Local Plan contradicts several other policies.
3. We do not believe the Impact Assessment has adequately addressed the impact on traffic which will affect the school both in terms of safety for children, families ability to access the school and increased pollution levels.
4. By building a crematorium you will have set a precedent that we believe jeopardises the future of the Wetlands. The continued development of the Wetlands (e.g. with the support of Thames Water) as endorsed by Enfield Council is now in doubt.
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. This will have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the families that use Firs Farm.
6. The positioning of a crematorium so close to the school will adversely affect families decisions to move into the area/choose Firs Farm School. As a school we have a falling roll and subsequent budget.

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We call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.”

With kind regards

