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I am writing to you with deep concerns about the plans to build a crematorium on the Firs Farm Recreation Ground. I understand that there may well be a need for a new Crematorium to deal with the increases in deaths, however I am somewhat bemused as to why this site has been selected for it?

I have been a resident in this area since 2005 and have seen first hand how much effort has gone into the improvement of this public space. The recent work carried out by volunteers to convert part of the site into Wetlands has been nothing short of amazing. We now have an area of considerable beauty, providing natural habitats to wildlife (including some very rare and endangered creatures such as water voles not to mention the established fauna and newly planted trees) and enjoyed by the public. Families come to enjoy the space all year round, the elderly are often seen on the benches viewing the ponds, it offers solace from those who suffer with mental health issues or have lost loved ones, there is a children's play area which is sustainable and educational and it is a great space for dog walkers like me and fitness enthusiasts. People are friendly and there is a sense of community that should make Enfield councillors proud. All in all the Wetlands and surrounding recreational areas are a welcome and safe place for people of all ages and backgrounds.

And now the Council wish to destroy this space with the erection of a Crematorium which will remove a large portion of this land and will result in pollution of the environment (groundwater and air), posing a threat to the wildlife and all residents in the immediate area. The site also sits directly between two schools, a primary and secondary school and will also sit directly next to a children's play area. I dread to think about the emotional aspect that such a place will have on the children from these schools. Well done Enfield Council planners - guess there was a lot of thought that went into this proposal.

What plans have Enfield made to prevent pollution related to this Crematorium? Have you considered the health effects of the increased pollution from a Crematorium to the local public. I know that if I contract any issues with my respiratory health, I will be seeking legal advice against Enfield Council to see if there is a direct correlation to the construction and use of the Crematorium so close to my home.

What alternatives are being put in place for the sports teams that use those fields for football matches, etc?

What auditing has been undertaken of the wildlife that these plans will impact? What wildlife is going to be destroyed by the construction and use of the site.

Where is the pre-consultation and why have local residents not received any communication for these plans? Why have we had to find about these plans from someone who came across this on your website?

This seems to be a common undertaking with Enfield Council planners who need to be more transparent and provide residents the opportunity to review the plans. Is this even legal? Do you not have an obligation to consult the residents before trying to go ahead with your plans?

I expect that given the widescale uproar that this is causing, you will not even get round to reading this email and I do not expect a response to my questions. I only hope that the sheer volume of complaints raised is enough for the Planning team to reconsider using this site and seek an alternative site in a more suitable area that does not impact the health and well being of both people, animals and nature.