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I wish to register my absolute objection to this proposal to build a crematorium on the Firs Farm Wetlands site.

It is simply a horrendous idea to take away valuable greenspace for this on a site which has recently become very popular thanks to the Wetlands development and I understand has already been discussed at length with yourselves for the site of a community cafe to further support the Wetlands, and which fails to meet any of your own criteria in both the Enfield Plan and the Blue and Green Strategy.

According the Enfield Plan, a site at risk of flooding, air pollution and groundwater contamination, would be unsuitable. Why has it been identified that Firs Farm is suitable, when the wetlands were created specifically to protect against localized flooding (something only predicted to increase with climate change)? Why has this plan been proposed on a site that runs parallel to the A10 – a major source of air pollution, which would be further compounded by crematorium emissions; is it suitable in a residential area that borders a secondary school and is used for sports and recreation? Why has this site been identified when there is a risk of groundwater contamination to the watercourse, especially when the site has not been properly maintained by contractors, to prevent and combat existing pollution incidents?

Similarly the destruction of greenspace and degradation the environment goes against the Blue And Green Strategy. If indeed “Our parks, trees, open spaces, routes and watercourses represent some of our best and most valued assets” why are you intent on destroying this site

This proposal is completely at odds with any of the council’s planning and strategic criteria.