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I really want to respond to this very important plan. I find it difficult to do so as an individual; you really don't make it easy for us: it is far too long and detailed for the single individual to make sense of, though I have tried.

I am conscious I am probably wasting my time as I don't expect my views as a single citizen hold much weight. But this is an extensive and far reaching plan for where I live and for the rest of my life.

I decided I would be here for a week trying to respond to it all, so I have dived into the specifics of what you are saying about flood prevention and care of watercourses which seem to be a major priority for those of us living near to the New River. In the long report these issues are quite well addressed on pages 99-106. But have no performance indicators at all in the PI's section and aren't even mentioned in your summary.

Reading the long plan suggests you have a holistic vision for an integrated approach to what is needed in the borough. I would really love to think that is true. I find in trying to make sense of it all, that there is no real relationship between the summary and the main plan. The main plan is too much technical and the summary is too short and superficial. The intentions of both don't cohere well.

When I look at the summary you have produced it states that it is about 'Future Development and what can be built where', it is not really about the environment at all. I don't want to believe that overall as a council you have a very tokenistic, poorly developed understanding of what the implications of The Climate Emergency is. I expect that your environmental department thinks that too. I do believe however that it is possible, if you wanted to, to think about housing development in the context of a climate emergency, but there is no developed sense of that perspective in your plan.

The summary document mentions protecting heritage and enhancing wildlife but no mention at all of the climate emergency. I am afraid I don't believe you are sufficiently committed to your environmental policies. Or to supporting us with what is needed NOW to mitigate against prospective floods. But you know, because you say so, we are one of the London Borough's at most risk of flooding.

In 14.3 you state that new development proposals do not generate issues which unduly impact the surrounding environment.

Can you imagine therefore how furious the whole local community of N21 is to discover that Firs Farm Wetlands, a beautiful local space, which has been developed by local citizens precisely to help mitigate against flooding, is threatened,

as you propose the entirely ridiculous idea of putting a crematorium on top of this site.

I am sorry I can't sound more positive. I appreciate you have a lot of conflicting

priorities and limited resources.

I would love to have had a good experience of reading the plan, Enfield has been my home for more than thirty years. I don't expect you will take any notice of my comments but I have to say something.