

I am writing to to express my strong objection to the draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan, which includes building a Crematorium and/or Burial ground in the Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59). I am opposed to the policy because:

- 1) Firs Farm Wetlands is used by many people and families for daily exercise / leisure activities throughout the year. This is a vital resource for the wellbeing and mental health of all the local residents.
- 2) The wetlands is situated next to A10 which is a high traffic main road producing a lot of pollution. It provide a vital buffer against the pollution. Building a crematorium on the green space with increased traffic and smoke from the furnaces will add to pollution. Given that there are three big schools next to the wetlands, we must do everything possible to reduce pollution and asthma cases.
- 3) The wetlands is on the migratory path of Swallows / Swift and other wonderful birds. On many occasions I have had the pleasure of observe them flying low at high speed over the ponds and other aerial acrobatics in early Autumn. The proposed construction will have a damaging impact on these annual migrations.
- 4) The wetlands is a major resource for flood protection and for absorption / diversion of flood waters. The proposal will adversely affect the effectiveness of the flood protection.
- 5) Finally there are plans to enhance the amenity of the wetlands, e.g. the provision of a community centre and refreshment area. The proposal will damage the realisation of these projects.