

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

We are writing to object to draft policy DM BG10 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 for a number of reasons, including the following:

Firs Farm Wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and wellbeing of all who freely access this open green space.

We access Firs Farm Wetlands everyday, we take walks, exercise and enjoy the wildlife and connecting with our local community.

Firs Farm Wetlands attracts all ages; families with babies and toddlers, school aged children and teenagers, through to the elderly.

The walkers, cyclists, joggers, dog walkers, table tennis players, and those practicing qi gong and yoga, are just some of the regular visitors, and we all have a commonality; the love of being in such a tranquil, green space; a true community asset.

Firs Farm Wetlands is a Nature Conservation, the biodiversity; wildlife and plants, are at risk if this proposal goes ahead.

Firs Farm Wetlands is a healthy ecosystem and rich biodiversity, providing tremendous benefit to both humans and wildlife.

There is growing scientific evidence which demonstrates how being in green open spaces greatly improves both mental and physical health and wellbeing.

There needs to be a greater focus on the living; supporting individuals to improve their mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing.

Firs Farm Wetlands already does this, it provides a haven for so many, a place of beauty, serenity and peace, a place where individuals can connect with other people, a place where individuals can reconnect with nature.

We call on the Council to cancel all considerations to make any changes to Firs Farm Wetlands, to refrain from carving up this beautiful conservation as a site for burial and/or crematorium use.

We call on the Council to please continue to support Firs Farm Wetlands and all who benefit from this sacred space.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are our own views.

