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I am writing to **object** to the draft policy which proposes part of the First Farm Wetlands be developed for crematorium use. I found out about this proposal through Nextdoor; I'm very disappointed that locals to the area were not consulted in any way about these plans or given an official opportunity to express our opinions. We have only been informed of the September 13th deadline through the Friends of Firs Farm.

I oppose the development of a crematorium at the site for several reasons:

- Biodiversity: a large area of the Wetlands and woody areas within it will have to be disturbed to allow for the development plans. This will cause a huge disruption to the wildlife in the area, taking away habitats and further contributing to the decline in insects, birds and other vital pollinators in the area.
- Mental Wellbeing: especially during the current times, many people are suffering with mental health issues and find walking through peaceful areas such as the Wetlands helps them.
- Traffic: Firs Lane is already a busy road, with Winchmore School and a new bus route. More traffic will increase journey time for those who use this road to get to work and will result in increased pollution in the local area.
- Winchmore School: in my opinion, it is inappropriate to have a crematorium this close to a secondary school. I was a pupil at the school and I cannot see the 12 to 18 year olds behaving respectfully on their way to and from school when they want to be having fun after classes.
- Is it really necessary? There is already a crematorium in Enfield, I don't think an additional one will really be that useful to anybody in the local area.

**I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.**