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**I am writing to object to draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA99) as a site for burial and / or crematorium use.**

I am a regular user of Firs Farm and greatly value the wide expanse of green space for walking our dog and for outdoor exercise. I am also greatly supportive of the work done by Friends of Firs Farm in improving the Wetlands. I oppose the policy because:

- I think it is a valuable community space and for all sorts of outdoor recreation for adults and children. Over the past 18 months it has provided an outlet and has undoubtedly helped with boosting my mental well-being. Building a crematorium will take away important green space that we very much need in our local area for people's well-being, children's learning and for the community to come together.
- It is wonderful to see the wide range of birds that are resident / regular visitors to the wetlands and surely plans to build a crematorium adjacent to the wetlands will adversely affect biodiversity, contrary to other policies in the draft Local Plan.
- Future use of Firs Farm wetlands would be uncertain, and could jeopardise funding for Firs Farm improvements that have been secured by local community groups (e.g. Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council.
- The draft policy directly contradicts Strategic Policy DP CL4 in the draft Local Plan, which identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.

I hope the council will reconsider the location of the proposed development to save this valuable green space and remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from policy SP CL4.

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