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I STRONGLY object to the plans for the crematorium on the firs farm site. Please note when I say firs farm I refer to the whole site not just the wetlands.

I understand the need to have such a facility, especially in these times but I do not understand why anyone would think that building such a facility in the middle of a beautiful green space would be a good idea!

I live on firs lane, opposite the entrance to the park and my office is opposite the park. I get to see - all day EVERYDAY, people enjoying this space. It has been a sanctuary for many during the last few years: for they physical, mental and social well being.

It certainly has for me and my family, like all it has been a tough few years but being able to walk around this peaceful place has been a saviour on our physical and mental well being.

I honestly believe that there are many members of the community who would be suffering with this place! I am certainly one of those!!

This is a place where the community, and beyond, come to walk, run, cycle, sit, relax, play and more. To have a crematorium in the middle of this space is unthinkable: for both the users of the park and the people who would be attending a ceremony at the crematorium. To have been surrounded by so much talk of death during the pandemic then to be reminded of this while on a walk for some may cause significant distress, in the same respect those attending a service may also find it disturbing to be surrounded by people actively engaging in sports, recreation and generally enjoying their day.

I cannot believe I am even having to explain this, however below is a LIST of reasons why this space should be protected and NOT built upon:

- It contradicts Policy SP CL4 in the draft local plan
- It will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by the wetlands which the council have spent £1 million to provide
- It will adversely affect the environment and local traffic
- The wetlands has a tremendous amount of wildlife that will suffer with such a facility
- It jeopardises the future and sustainability of firs farm which the local community have spent so much to build up

There seems to be a real lack of respect for the community and the environment with these plans and to be honest it lacks any common sense.