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I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed conversion of part of the Firs Farm Wetland Park area to space allocated for a re-development/extension to the Enfield Crematorium, as identified in section 6.10, Table 6.3 (Site ID SA59) of The Enfield Local Plan 2019-2039 (hereafter referred to as 'The Local Plan'), page 133.

As a long-time resident of Palmers Green (since 2010), I value the lovely green spaces in Enfield and fully support the Borough's aspiration to be a 'deeply green and distinct place' (section 6.1 of The Local Plan). Moreover, the Borough's parks and green spaces provided essential relief to thousands of local residents during the difficult months of lockdown and personal restriction due to the Covid-19 pandemic, effects of which are still being felt and will continue to do so for some time. It is a place for sport and physical exercise, enjoying nature, socialising, learning and play and the contemplation. Clearly the planning committee recognises the value of the lovely Firms Farm area as it is included in a proposal to provide 'world class sporting villages', as part of Enfield's blue and green infrastructure network (2 b., setion 6.1 The Local Plan, page 112). So the idea of diminishing the value of the area - and any future development of sports infrastructure - by building a crematorium onsite or taking land to re-allocate for burial sites is sheer folly.

I urge that the Firs Farm site be removed from consideration as a potential area for development of a crematorium or for burial grounds.

As my young daughter exclaimed: 'Firs Farm should be for the people who live around here, not for the dead!'