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I write to register my strong objection to a crematorium being built on the site of the Firs Farm Wetlands Park and Playing Fields and to request that all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands and Playing Fields be removed from Policy SP CL4.

It should be obvious to anyone that this is a totally unsuitable site for this purpose, being not only in the centre of a residential area but also on land that is prone to flooding and in close proximity to three schools.

In recent years much work has been done to transform this land into an excellent wetlands area which, as well as being a haven for wildlife, is a superb place both for leisure and educational purposes.

The selected location for (and boundary) for the crematorium will result in the degradation and potential destruction of key habitats at Firs Farm. The ancient hedgerows are designated as a site of interest in nature conservation (SINC) due to the presence of ecologically important plant species. It has also recently been confirmed that Water Voles have made Firs Farm their home and it should be noted that they are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, against intentional killing, capture or injury and intentional or reckless disturbance, obstruction, damage or destruction of their burrows; the development of a crematorium, only metres from the watercourse would, no doubt, disturb our new residents.

This proposal would appear to be a complete contradiction of Enfield Council's own "Blue and Green Strategy" and would undoubtedly degrade the site and be of detriment to the community's wellbeing.

In conclusion I suggest that this proposal be dropped immediately and a more suitable site sought