

Dear Enfield Council,

I write this email to express my family's strong objection to the planned destruction of our valued green open space in Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill.

The area is not at all suitable for a crematorium for many reasons, only some of which are detailed below.

- The open spaces belong to the people for their enjoyment and recreation and to play sports, not for Enfield council to sell off and profit from. Enfield council has already sold off much of the once owned public land in the last twenty years!! the money is spent and the land ownership is gone forever more.
- This is one of the very few remaining open spaces left, do not forget that **ALL** of the open spaces/farms have been built on in the last 100 years. The entire area was once open land, it's **ALL** been built on, this area should be left alone to nature and for local residents to enjoy, not to be stolen and taken away by Enfield councils' current administration.
- This is a residential area not suitable in the slightest for a commercial use crematorium.
- The constant flow of funeral processions that will change the entire mood of the area.
- Any buildings built on the green and lush fields will ruin the aesthetics of the area forever more, people rely on our open spaces for our general wellbeing. The entire beauty of Firs lane are these open spaces, everything else has been concreted over, where does it stop!! it has to stop here!!
- There are two schools in very close proximity, children only at the start of their lives won't want to be reminded of death and the burning and burial of bodies on their journeys to and from school. Parents will have explain to curious children what

happens in a Crematorium, not the sort of enlightening conversation one would want to have with their children on the way to school. It is even likely to scare some children. Firs Lane is the route that the vast volume of children uses to and from school. They will be reminded of death daily, hardly inspiring for children is it.

- The added traffic and increased air pollution in an area already heavily polluted by the nearby A10.
- We have just collectively as a community invested much time and energy in the last 6-7 years bringing the area to life and returning it back to the wildlife. Enfield council now wants to steal this from the residents.
- If the field is built on, it won't be long until the rest is built on, it starts off as one building, this then paves the way and sets the scene for the rest to also be consumed by buildings. Fast forward twenty/thirty years, all of our much-loved open space will be lost forever more. As mentioned above all the farms and open spaces have been built on in the last 100 years. Leave this last remaining open space alone for the future generations to also enjoy and benefit from.
- Contamination to our new Wetlands, in particular the groundwater. Separately there is also the crematorium emissions and habitat degradation and destruction.

It would be interesting to know how many of the decision makers, planners and business people involved in this hideous destructive proposal actually live-in close proximity to our open space?

This crematorium should be built in area well away from any residential areas, no one would like a crematorium on their doorstep, especially not one that will be built over our precious green open valuable space.

Instead of destroying our open spaces, we should instead invest more in the planting of trees and extend the wetlands to make the entire area even more lush and beautiful than it already is.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt of our objection.

I wish for my personal details to remain private and confidential please.

Thank you.