I wish to strongly object to the draft policy DM BG16 in the draft Enfield Local Plan that allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because:

- This is a valuable green space that was a godsend during lockdown. If the pandemic has taught us anything surely it is to value our green space and protect and enhance for future generations
- A wonderful community resource for a diverse range of outdoor activities from tennis courts and football pitches to space for walking and learning about nature
- Over a short space of time this area has become a real asset to the community and the community is looking after it, surely this should be encouraged
- 4. This proposal will have an adverse effect on the wetland reducing the biodiversity and the conservation interests of Firs Farm Wetlands
- 5. Inhibit the ability to apply for future funding, if this green space in under threat from development any sponsors will be deterred from becoming involved
- 6. The effectiveness of the flood prevention scheme that has been implemented at the Wetlands will be undermined

In addition the proposal is in direct contradiction to the Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft Local Plan that identifies Firs Farm as **facilitating** and contributing towards the development of sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.

Please do not undermine the future of Firs Farm Wetlands by the development of a crematorium and all the infrastructure that this will entail in the environs of Firs Farm Wetland Park and Playing Fields. Please carefully consider the terrible environmental impact this will have and remove all reference to Firms Farm Wetlands from Policy SP CL4.

in a timely manner, please keep me properly and fully informed of your actions regarding this.