

Dear Madam/Sir,

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> As a resident of Hyde Park Avenue (N17 2PP) in Edmonton ward, I am writing to object to the proposal to build of a crematorium on Firs Farm Wetlands in the Draft Local Plan. In particular, I would like for you to remove all reference to a crematorium at Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields from 'Policy DM B610'.

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> Firs Farm Wetlands is an incredibly valuable community space, maintained by a committee group of local residents and is an important green space for the health and well being of our community. During the COVID pandemic, I, and many other local residents were so lucky to be able to use the wetlands during our exercise time - it was and still is an important space for the residents of the area, particularly those not lucky enough to have access to gardens. The space really is 'treasured' by our community, hosting community events such as sports and lessons, as well as for more simple activities - as a family, we have visited the wetlands with our children at least once a week since it opened 5 years ago.

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> It is also an important space for wildlife in our community - the return of water voles, for example, is testament to the success of the re-creation of the wetlands habitat, and of course they are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

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> So the earmarking of this site as a potential site for a new crematorium is very concerning and confusing, given that the proposal appears contrary to the council's own guidance regarding the location of a crematorium.

> This site would be unsuitable due to the risk of flooding, air pollution and groundwater contamination, all of which seem to be risks in this case. It's not only close to my home, but countless other homes, extremely close to local schools including Firs Farm Primary School, and The Winchmore School. It is also right next to 2 brand new tennis courts, provision for football, cricket and a skate park - perfect for filling the lungs of our communities children and young people with various heavy metals etc.

The proposed location is also already a busy through road for residents, those attending the Winchmore School, using the wetlands and sports facilities and, as of very recently, a bus route. The addition of a crematorium at the proposed site would no doubt simply add to what has already become a very congested road at peak times.

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> In addition to the proposed building of a crematorium at the Firs Farm Site, I would also like to register my objection to the building on of all our beautiful green space in Enfield. We have such a beautiful borough - which the council is frequently keen to trumpet - but it won't be for long if we build over all the green that makes it so beautiful, and so lovely to live in. These plans seem incredibly short sighted, and risk turning our borough into something akin to the central London boroughs many here have moved from.

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> Please, reconsider both parts of the plan, and let's protect the thriving wildlife that now resides at the Firs Farm Wetlands, and the health, lungs and livelihoods of our local community.