

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally object to a proposal of building a crematorium in the heart of Firs Farm Greenspace.

As a resident in Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill for the last 46 years. Firs Farm has been a significant recreational space for most of my life allowing me to exercise and stay healthy both physically and mentally. We have to be mindful that the council's proposal to possibly build a crematorium within this area would be detrimental to many thousands that use this space especially for recreational and social use.

The development of a crematorium on Firs lane is not suitable for a number of reasons:

- The increase in traffic would be detrimental to the community and would cause additional risk to the residence and also students from the two schools in the vicinity. As Firs Farm is in a residential area there would be an increase of traffic resulting in the constant passage of funeral processions or traffic congestion, this would almost certainly cause potential risk and a concern on road safety grounds. The roads already have traffic calming solutions to protect the residents and school children. Looking at the other proposals for a further crematorium within the borough highlights a better roads and infrastructure.
- There are two schools near Firs Farm playing fields and homes to hundreds of residents. I am concerned with the emissions caused by the incinerating process would cause harm to not only to the environment but to the health of the nearby residence especially when Mercury is being burnt. Mercury can be present in the amalgam dental fillings and medical devices of bodies that are cremated, and it's most dangerous when it's heated.
- The process of corpse cremation generates numerous harmful air

pollutants, including particulate matter (PM), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and heavy metals. These pollutants could have severe effects on the surrounding environment and human health. These pollutants will also aggravate people who may be asthmatic causing harm including children in the nearby schools. It will cause harm to the people who would be playing sport in both Firs Farm and Clowes Sports Ground

- Crematoriums release a considerable amount of CO₂ and pollution into the atmosphere and will no doubt cause harm to the neighbourhood and also wildlife which has increased with the development of the wetlands. .
- The development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodland and the various species which live in that that area. I often see schools and children using this area for projects on conservation and biodiversity.
- The wetland project has been created to ensure local residents and visitors appreciate nature and use this space for exercise and enhancing their well-being.
- In addition the proposal will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by Firs Farm wetlands which Enfield council have already spend £1 million to protect this residential area.
- After reading Section 5 of the Cremation Act 1902 states that: “No crematorium shall be constructed nearer to any dwelling house than two hundred yards, except with the consent, in writing, of the owner, lessee, and occupier of such house, nor within fifty yards of any public highway, nor in the consecrated part of the burial ground of any burial authority.” In the case of crematoria established in Greater London subject to London County Council (General Powers) Act 1935 Section 64, and 1971 Section 7, the 200 yards limit from any dwelling house is reduced to 100 yards. The location of the proposed crematorium would contravene this act.
- Near the proposed crematorium is two schools and the respective school playing fields. Careful consideration should be given to the siting or subsequent development of crematorium facilities in close proximity to any schools, factories, trading estates, sports grounds or other facility which may be deemed incompatible within the vicinity of a crematorium.

It is clear that Enfield council must consider all of the above. Can I invite the planners to consider redeveloping the existing crematorium which we have in Enfield or space out towards the M25. The infrastructure and the environment is in place already. Firs Farm is a place which should be kept for the community and I look forward to this part of Enfield becoming a place for sporting excellence and develop a community hub. Building a crematorium will jeopardise these plans and risk funding. Incidentally these plans have already been endorsed and supported by Enfield council.

I look forward to Enfield council removing all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.