

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the clause in the local plan that refers to:

- **‘conversion’ of the recreation fields at Firs Farm and to the east of the A10 (south of Church Street) for crematorium use**

My initial question would be, "conversion" from what?

Do you even have any idea of what or how building a crematorium, a mile down the road from one of the largest crematoriums in the capital, would impact on the local community? The local plan reveals nothing about your understanding of what even goes on in the local community.

I will tell you about some of the things that would be impacted by your conversion.

The work done by the Friends of Firs Farm is immeasurable. The fields and the wetlands would become barren wastelands without the systematic contribution made by the friends.

Their fundraising efforts have enabled an extraordinary project to be designed, that would enrich the whole community. They have plans which have been submitted for planning. As the effects of COVID begin to decline, their continued commitment is to fund raise to make their dream a reality.

Throughout the pandemic, Firs Farm was a wonderful sanctuary for people from both sides of the A10. It has now become entrenched in the very soul of the local community. Your crematorium plans would destroy all that has been achieved to encourage the community to enjoy and respect the outdoors.

There is a regular timetable of school visits, where children across the Key Stages study and enjoy the rich biodiversity, Firs Farm has to offer. Are you even aware of its existence? No toilet facilities, limits their experience, so consideration of that might be more in tune with the needs of the local community.

But isn't that the point of your local plan? How can you expect people to go along with your ideas borne out of your blue and green strategy, when you deny those same people from experiences and opportunities to enjoy them?

I'm not going to make this a long email because I know others are writing much longer expressions of dismay.

I am not going to make any other suggestion of a solution to the crematorium location problem. There are those who are paid a considerable amount of money to find solutions to these difficult problems.

Meanwhile, communities all over Enfield, with hard working, committed volunteers, are working, without financial remuneration, to manage and maintain the local area in which they live, because they know that resources are limited and they want to make a contribution.

And the local plan draws a line right straight through that work. Work that in many instances has been built over years.

Suffice to say, I object in the strongest possible terms to the,

'conversion' of the recreation fields at Firs Farm and to the east of the A10 (south of Church Street) for crematorium use.

I suggest those plans are scrapped immediately.