

To whom it may concern,

I am e-mailing to express my objection to the draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan.

This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use - which is deeply distressing and I show complete objection to this proposal.

I oppose this policy because:

1. Firs Farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and well-being of the local people in many ways.
2. The draft Policy directly contradicts Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft Local Plan. This identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.
3. The proposal will significantly affect the local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation, and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of Firs Farm wetlands, contrary to several other policies in the draft Local Plan.
4. The proposal will reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by Firs Farm wetlands, which Enfield Council has spent more than £1 million to provide.
5. The proposal will adversely affect the environment and local traffic, and this has not been properly considered in the Integrated Impact Assessment of the draft Local Plan.
6. The policy introduces uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm wetlands that jeopardises funding for projects secured by local community groups (e.g. from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council. I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm wetlands from Policy SP CL4.

If this proposal moves forward, I and many other home owners who have lived and grown up in the area for many years will have no choice but to leave, causing a significant loss of professionals and investment within the local area.

I hope the council will realise that this proposal is not what is right for the community and the environment and if it goes ahead, will pose a significant threat to the health and mental wellbeing of the local people and community.

