

Dear Enfield Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation. I've already sent in an objection just for the proposed Crematorium in the Firs Farm Playing Field but I hadn't realised all the other proposals that were also happening when I sent it. I also wasn't aware that I needed to have Draft Local Plan in my title and am nervous it will not count so I am including my objections to the Crematorium again in this email with everything else so that it does not get missed. I also have more information so it will be more detailed.

I am writing, as I live in Enfield, to object to ALL of the plans based on the fact that the residents of Enfield have not been informed well enough. It has just come to light days before the deadline and this is unacceptable. There will be many people who just don't know about these plans and going ahead with them on the pretence that there was not enough objections is not good enough. People cannot object to things they do not know about. I went to 30 houses to tell them about the Crematorium with a petition from the Friends of Firs Farm and was astonished that only one household had heard about the plans. Two households seemed to vaguely know about the Winchmore Hill Sainsbury's development but neither knew how to object or what the deadline was. In general, the procedure for development in Enfield is a failure in itself as the people these developments affect, are largely uninformed! The roads I went to were 2 and 3 roads away from Firs Farm and everyone felt we were so close that we should have had a letter through our post-boxes informing us. If the council turns around and says not enough people have objected, this is unacceptable. I think there needs to be an extension on all the plans with residents properly informed especially as a lot of these plans are controversial. This has left me feeling like councillors don't care what people think and will do anything to sneak plans in. I am unimpressed with the entirety of Enfield Council. I always vote even though in the thirty years I've lived at this address, not one councillor has ever graced my doorstep. Loyalty to a party can no longer be guaranteed with this current behaviour.

I'd like to specifically to object to the draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or cremation use. I personally oppose this policy because I use this area for exercise at least twice a week, sometimes more. The council also encourages exercise for good health and I have managed to control my blood sugar without medication by a change in diet and by walking the 10 miles every week around the Wetlands and adjoining playing field. This will be taken away from me if the Crematorium is built. Almost everyone who uses the path around both the Wetlands and the playing field next to it refers to the entire area as The Wetlands. Wedging the actual Wetlands between the graveyard that already exists and a Crematorium the playing field would cut the path in half and make the whole experience unattractive and I just would not go there anymore. It is not exactly good PR to attract people to visit the Wetlands to have death all around it!! It is not just me that relies on this space. I regularly see the same people using the same space and during the height of the first lockdown, the area was so popular, it became overcrowded. The path is flat and one often see the same elderly people walking around the path that compasses BOTH the Wetlands

and the playing field. There are not many, if any, places this flat for people of any age and/or any fitness level to exercise.

I also cannot understand why the council would spend so much money on rejuvenating the Wetlands only to lessen its value by building a Crematorium next to it. I understand that the proposal will take out the small wooded area and ancient hedgerow that separates the Wetlands and Playing field and to all intents and purposes, everyone considers this to be part of the Wetlands. I'm sure the wildlife that come to the wetlands also come because of this wooded area and hedgerow. Even if this bit was spared, the concept of getting exercise in the fresh air by walking around a crematorium befuddles me. I also understand that an autism friendly café and sensory garden will still get the go-ahead next to the tennis courts but that too will be unattractive to visit wedged next to the crematorium.

Then there's the traffic and parking to consider. There is already not enough parking on days where there are football games in the playing fields and the road width restrictions can already increase the traffic at busy times of the day. The fact that there is still an appointment system to go to the Recycling Centre on Barrowell Green causes cars queue up waiting for their appointment times and causing traffic along Barrowell Green and there is a cycle lane in the actual road of Barrowell Green which will not fare well with increased traffic. The queuing has been bad enough for me to do a U-Turn at times and drive back to Green Lanes, down Hedge Lane, to Ash Grove and then Ensign Drive where I live when Ash Grove is yards away from the recycling centre. It is not just inconvenient and time consuming but raises my blood pressure and puts more pollution into the air every time it happens! I'm assuming Barrowell Green will be a main route to the proposed Crematorium thus there will be a big increase in traffic. The poor unfortunate people who are spending their final days in the Hospice on the corner of Barrowell Green and Ash Grove will now have to watch hearses drive past in their final days.

I understand the Firs Farm Wetlands has funding secured for future projects and that this could be in jeopardy if the Crematorium goes ahead. Whether technically the playing field between the Wetlands and the tennis courts is the Wetlands or not, to local people, it is all the same thing. My daughter used to use the path from Firs Lane to the A10 underpass to walk to school when she went to Latymer as do many other students. The council in theory encourages walking and this could all be in jeopardy by constructing a crematorium in this space.

I also want to specifically object to SA32, Sainsburys Green Lanes N21 3RS. Page 351 of Enfield Local Plan: Redevelopment of supermarket and car park to mixed-use homes and non-residential floor space. My first thoughts are how can 299 units even fit in this space without it being quite a high building. Again I regularly walk to Sainsbury's to get my shopping doing all the right things to keep me healthy and keep Enfield greener by not polluting the air with car fumes. Closing this down will force me to drive somewhere much further, stopping me from getting exercise and polluting the air. I also cannot understand building more flats and closing a supermarket. The two things seem mutually exclusive. Surely an area needs more supermarkets if there are more flats? The cycle lanes, the LTNs in the Fox Lane area and the one-way road system stopping cars entering New River Crescent and Lightcliffe Road has already increased the traffic on Green Lanes and Bourne Hill. Redeveloping Sainsbury's Winchmore Hill to with 299 houses and 13,325 sq ft commercial space will surely increase the traffic even more? Increased traffic equals increased pollution and this is still very close to the Firs Farm Wetlands so potentially having an impact on the wildlife there too. With so many housing units to be built,

are there plans to build more doctors surgeries, dentists etc? I already find it very hard to get an appointment at the horrible impersonal mega surgery on Green Lanes in Winchmore Hill where you never ever see the same doctor and are lucky to get an appointment to see any doctor as it is so busy. Will local schools cope with the influx these units may bring? Building such a large housing estate has massive knock-on effects to other services the community relies on.

I am very disappointed with Enfield council not only for the nature of these proposals but for not making a better effort to notify the public. Most people DO NOT regularly read the Enfield website and it is irresponsible for the council to think so. When I moved to Palmers Green 30 years ago, it was thriving with community spirit. This has almost all disappeared because of too many building developments. I hardly visit Palmers Green High Street any more because there is nothing there. There is nowhere to park and apart from coffee shops, charity shops and hairdressers, there is no reason to visit. I feel sorry for businesses there because it is clear Enfield council wants to be a concrete jungle with no shops or green spaces and I am seriously thinking of moving away. Enfield is no longer an attractive place to live and these latest proposals actually happen, they may just be the straw that breaks the camel's back! I know many people who feel the same way so you may be stuck with a lot of empty flats!! Although I have not detailed the other proposals, I am not happy with high rises in Enfield Town or building on Green Belt land near Crewes Hill. This is not central London and doing this sort of construction will change the dynamic of Enfield forever. These proposals are making Enfield a not so sought after place to live.