

I am writing to express my concern, as a resident of N21, user of Firs Farm Wetlands and parent of both a current and prospective student at Latymer School, to the proposals in the Draft Local Plan to build a crematorium at or near these sites: Church Street or Firs Farm Recreation Grounds.

At a time when the demand for cremations is decreasing - and should in fact be being actively discouraged in favour of more environmentally friendly methods for dealing with after death disposal - the need for a new crematorium is highly questionable. Even if this additional capacity was required, these sites - which are close to residential housing, local schools and a much needed and loved local green space and haven for biodiversity - are both completely unsuitable locations for such a facility.

I trust these points will be taken into consideration when finalising the local plan. Although I don't think local plans, which by their nature should be medium to long-term strategic documents, should be subject to party politics, I am shocked as someone who voted for the current administration that these proposals should be brought forward by a Labour council and are certainly not what I voted for, as they run counter to a sustainable future for Enfield.