

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to object to draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA 590) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I object to this because:

It will be to the detriment of Firs Farm Wetlands as a resource and a place to promote health and well being of the local community. The proposed allocation contradicts Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the Local Plan, identifying Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities and it contradicts policies which promote Nature Conservation and biodiversity in both the Local Plan and the London Plan. I have made use of this fantastic resource since the first pandemic lockdown as a place for running, walking, cycling and wildlife enjoyment. I have also delighted in seeing that it provides a space for the meeting of different people from parts of the borough particularly Winchmore Hill and Edmonton.

The proposed siting does not fulfil guidelines set out in the Guidance of Siting of crematoria in terms of space, car parking requirements, traffic concerns and ability to expand.

The impact of the policy on the environment does not appear to have been fully assessed.

The policy will also jeopardise funding for future health, environment and educational projects secured by local community groups.

The policy poses a significant threat to Firs Farm Wetlands and I request that the Council remove all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands from Policy DM 8G10. I look forward to receiving a response to my objection.