

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to raise my objection to the planned development of a crematorium on Firs Farm Wetlands, for a few reasons:

1. Having grown up on Crawford Gardens in Palmers Green, Firs Farm has been somewhere myself and my family have often visited over the years, whether it be for my brother's football matches on the playing fields or during the more recent years, walking our dog through the wetlands. Having these green spaces are so important, providing a place for people to walk, run, play sport and enjoy nature which is all beneficial to mental health. Places like the Firs Farm Wetlands have been invaluable, particularly in the last 18 months, for people to escape to during lockdown.
2. The wetlands development itself is only relatively recent, so the idea of now building a crematorium there makes the wetlands project seem like a complete waste of time, money and effort.
3. I am also concerned about the wildlife that have made the wetlands their home, and who will be disturbed by a new building project. We need to protect our green spaces, having taken so much habitat from our local wildlife as it is, and with our current climate crisis.
4. There is already a crematorium in Enfield, only 5 miles away from Firs Farm. Do we really need another one?

I know I'm not the only person opposed to this proposed plan, so I ask that you think about the points that I (and I'm sure other people) have raised, and reconsider this as part of the local plan.