

Dear Enfield Council

**Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

I am writing as I live in Enfield, to object to draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing fields (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use. I oppose this policy because:

Firs Farm would not be the same and I for one would not be encouraged to continue to use the space as a disabled person and one that has benefited greatly in the past encouraged by the path that circles around all Firs Farm to take daily exercise walks when recovering from operations. Both mentally and physically I have benefited from this wonderful space and have delighted in the new and wonderful wildlife. I enjoy watching the football and am greatly concerned at the loss of the 3 football pitches used not only for football but other sports and community games.

- Firs Farm wetlands is a vitally important community resource, essential to the health and 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, park & playing fields / recreation ground to be used as a site for burial and/or crematorium use from Policy **DM BG10.**"

I also raise objection 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. There is not much of a local alternative of this type of shopping experience used by many in particular those who still like to walk to the shops, some who see it as an outing from being in isolation and its location for many elderly and disabled shoppers that I am aware of would feel lost (so they say) without their Sainsbury's on the doorstep with its green space around making it an enjoyable visit to many. It is more than just a shopping experience for many in our community.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.

Building on Green Belt land is a terrible idea for the future of Enfield, its residents and their children. Please take into account the valid concerns of the residents that live here who benefit hugely from what is so special about this borough – its green space.

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