

I am writing to oppose against the draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This all includes the Firs Farm playing fields greenspace (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and/or crematorium use.

Firs Farm playing field and Firs Farms wetlands are valued community resources that will be jeopardize if Firs Farm playing fields continue to be on the short list and considered for burial and/or crematorium use. Residence has invested a lot of their time and resources into making Firs Farm Wetlands and Playing Field what is currently is, with plans for more to come. It is a place where the commuinity come together and promotes residence mental health. I have been a residence in Enfield since 2014 and has seen first-hand how the Wetlands and playing fields has been transformed during that time.

I visit Firs Farm on a weekly basis with my family and we make use of the entire area and not just the Wetlands. The council making a comment "The council won't be building on Firs Farm Wetlands" is simply not good enough. This statement means that there is the possibility to build on the surrounding green area, namely the playing fields around the Wetlands. This means that the relatively new build tennis courts could be at risk, the table tennis will no longer be there, to name a few. These are things currently in the community to that promotes fitness and wellbeing, which me and my family access on a regular basis. Having a burial and/or crematorium in this area concerns me a great deal. Undoubtably building this will negatively impact on the wild life in the area, but it will also increase pollution in the area. Enfield council is proposing to take away a green space that has facilities on it to promote health and replace it with a crematorium that will be releasing toxic pollution on a daily basis. My son attends Firs Farm Primary school and there are two other school namely Winchmore Hill High school and Highfields in close proximity. I am genuinely concern about the impact this will have on my son's health and that of all the pupils in his school and the other two surrounding schools.

The current proposal has already had a negative impact as some funding that has been secured has been put on hold as a direct result of this draft plan. Firs Farm Wetlands and playing field is an important part of the community and its development has been largely driven by its residence. I strongly oppose the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Farm playing fields greenspace (Site ID SA59)