

Dear Sirs

Response to the Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

I am writing as I live in Enfield, to object to draft policy DM BG10 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan which identifies Firs Farm Wetlands Park and Playing Fields (site ID SA59) as a potential site for a burial ground or crematorium.

As a regular visitor and volunteer at Firs Farm, I strongly oppose this policy as the site in question is a valuable asset to the community for sports, walking and exercising. It is also a wonderful open space where I feel I can safely allow my dogs to run around.

Furthermore, the draft policy directly contradicts Strategic Policy SP CL4 in the draft Local Plan, which identifies Firs Farm as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield.

Whilst I am aware the potential site in question is not on the actual 'Wetlands' I strongly feel that a burial ground/crematorium in the center of Firs Farm would ruin this valuable green space which is a vitally important community resource. This became even more so during lockdown when many more people discovered and fell in love with this beautiful space.

This proposal will significantly affect the local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation, and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of Firs Farm, contrary to several other policies in the draft Local Plan.

As a resident living within walking distance of Firs Farm, I am also extremely concerned that this proposal will adversely affect the environment and local traffic.

For the reasons stated above, I call on the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands from Policy DM BG10.