

Dear Sirs,

As a mother of 7 month's child, I strongly object to draft policy DM BG16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan which allocates Firs Farm Wetlands (Site ID SA59) as a site for burial and crematorium.

Firs Farm Wetlands is the only public park within walking distance from where I live and where I walk with my baby twice a day.

Construction of crematorium at Firs Farm Wetlands will deprive my child of opportunity to enjoy visiting the Firs Farm recreation ground for the following reasons:

1. Construction of crematorium will have **serious environmental consequences**. It will lead to significant air pollution. It will also cause contamination of underground water which will subsequently lead to disappearance of variety of species present at the recreation ground. This will mean that children will not be able to enjoy looking at wildlife.

Adverse affect on environment can endanger lives of children and those of other vulnerable residents, especially local residents, dogwalkers and children attending adjacent Winchmore Hill School and nursery, those who suffer from asthma and breathing difficulties.

2. Construction of crematorium will mean that the site will be used **contrary to its initial purpose** - recreation and leisure. Moreover, it will make impossible using such facilities of the recreation ground as playing fields and make it impossible to implement further plans for development of the area - like setting up community hub or playground for children (even though recreation ground boasts large area there is no playground for children!)

3. The large cemetery borders with the recreation ground and it is unclear as to why it should be extended at the expense of green space of the local community. Moreover, Enfield has already a big crematorium owned and operated by Haringey Council and there is no justification as to why another one is required.

The Firs Farm wetlands site is in close proximity to Winchmore Hill school, nursery and dozens of homes of local residents and therefore I believe this site is unsuitable for the purposes of construction of crematorium.

4. Development of the Firs Farm Wetlands has previously involved significant investments, including over £1million spent by Enfield Council for flood alleviation. Efforts of everyone who contributed to development of the area, including Friends of Firs Farm Wetlands, will be neutralised if the crematorium has been built.

5. Firs Farm Wetlands played a vital role in health and wellbeing of community during COVID-19 lockdown as it enabled local residents to socialise while complying with requirements for social distancing. Due to environmental concerns construction of crematorium will make residents reluctant to socialise on the Firs Farm recreation ground.

Implementation of plan for construction of crematorium will make the recreation ground

unsuitable for the purpose for which it was designed - recreation, health and wellbeing of local residents and among others will put off parents like me who attend the park for the purposes of children's wellbeing, development and socialising.

I therefore kindly request the Council to remove all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands from Policy SPCL4.