

Dear Sirs

Objection to Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021

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> I am writing 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 possible site for a burial ground or crematorium.

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> As a regular user and volunteer of Firs Farm, I strongly oppose this policy as the proposed site is a valuable asset to the community for sports, walking, exercising and generally bringing the community together.

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> 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.

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> Whilst I am aware that the potential site is not on the actual 'Wetlands' I strongly feel that a burial ground/crematorium in the center of Firs Farm and bordering on to the Wetlands would degrade this wonderful and valuable open 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 open space.

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> 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.

It will also have an impact on the local school children who pass through Firs Farm on their school commute.

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> 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. This has already been strongly impacted by the ridiculous LTN scheme which has driven people to look for alternative and less busy routes in an effort to avoid Green Lanes.

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

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