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We object to draft policy DM BG.16 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates Firs Farm Wetlands & Playing Fields as a site for burial and or cremation use. We oppose this because:

Question: How on earth can you create Wetlands to the west - at a cost of more than one million pounds then re-site new Tennis courts to the east - incidentally these taken away from the A10 site to EXTEND the cemetery! Both developments taking away several football pitches. THEN to propose to again take a further 3 hectares to build a new CREMATORIUM and car park on these fields. Absolutely disgusting.

We have lived in Firs Lane for more than 50 years and these playing fields & Wet Lands have benefited the community and wider areas of Enfield in many ways. We are aware of many changes in this residential area, not to mention (1) a new Bus Route (2) changes to local roads being closed making drivers to alter their journey which is impacting upon Firs Lane as a cut through thus adding to the air pollution and to mention this would be further compounded by crematorium emissions. Surely this is NOT a suitable site as previously said this is a RESIDENTIAL area which borders 3 local schools and these playing fields has ALWAYS been for Sports, Recreations and leisure.

We would like to quote from Local Plan document from the Leader of Enfield Council - Cllr.Nesil Caliskan - "Pandemic has reminded all of us how IMPORTANT our OPEN GREEN SPACES are for HEALTH & WELLBEING. The Local Plan is an opportunity to provide more accessible GREEN SPACES". So why would you want to develop this OPEN space?! This surely contradicts this proposal. Please be aware we need to keep our open green spaces for all to enjoy not only for now but our future generations.

Our alternative site suggestion would be to extend the EXISTING crematorium on the A10 where there is enough open space - which does not encroach on any local residents.

We would like you to note that we feel the Councils communication within the Borough is very poor. Since the Pandemic NO Enfield Advertiser / Independent Newspapers are received through the door and many elderly residents who do not have technology in their homes rely on verbal communication via neighbours/ library etc. Please review the Councils procedure and make future plans/ changes to be more transparent for all to acknowledge. Maybe our local Councillors could do leaflet dropping and get involved with the local community other than just when an election is involved.