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QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY

AIMS

To determine –

Whether local residents are in agreement or against the quarry proposal on Green Belt land at Ellenbrook Park open green space.

What are the concerns of local residents?

How frequently is the land used by local residents?

How do local residents use the land?

If local residents are not currently using the land would they do so if there is to be no quarry?

Will a quarry on the site make local residents, who currently use the land, stop using the site?

Do local residents have a disability / condition they feel will be impacted detrimentally by the quarry?

Other comments / concerns in favour or against the quarry proposal

METHODS

So as to avoid bias the following was undertaken-

The first question allows acceptance or rejection of the proposal to ensure both sides are equally represented.

Each question allows free comments so that any aspects for each question can be freely expressed, including favourable and unfavourable aspects regarding the proposal for those who agree and oppose the proposal.

The form was completed by each participant on their own without coercion in any way by directing to the above google forms link so that completion was undertaken by the individual present and no one else.

Question 8 is a free comment area to allow indication of any concerns, objections and agreements of the proposal.

Data was collected by-

Google Forms Questionnaire placed online at-

[Quarry Questionnaire1 - Google Forms](#)

The form and all questions are indicated in Appendix A with all responses made.

So as to be transparent, honest and to avoid misinformation of the Brett Aggregated proposal the form was designed with the following -

- The form indicates the Brett Aggregates proposal using a link to their own plan -

<https://www.hatfieldaerodromequarry.co.uk/proposal/>

- The form details the Hertfordshire County Council Planning Application- use Planning Application details - PL/0232/21

[Planning Register | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

So as to be valid the form was designed with the following -

- The form is locked and not editable by anyone once submitted by each individual on the Google Forms platform.
- The form requests completion with name and address details to be a valid form of data for use at the Appeal Inquiry November 2024 and requests email addresses.
- The form indicated that, by indicating a submitter's name, that the person submitting allows their data to be used for data use at the Appeal Inquiry November 2024.
- The form was indicated to be completed by any adult household member.

Method of publicising Questionnaire -

- Face to face directing locals to use the above google forms link.
- A poster directing locals to use the above google forms link.
- Unbiased social media sites directing locals to use the above google forms link-

[Welwyn garden city-hatfield-st.albans whats going on -talk of the town](#)

[Ellenbrook Residents - Hatfield, UK](#)

[All things St Albans](#)

Timeframe

Data was collected using the Google Forms system **from 5th October 2024 to 13th November 2024.**

This time period relates to timing during which the Appeal was publicised by Hertfordshire County Council planning portal and after any previous opportunities for locals to convey any comments on the planning proposal.

Results

A. Demographics

Data was collected from **375 responses**.

Ages/age range were not requested.

All responses indicate Hertfordshire addresses.

Approximately 360 responses represent responses by individuals from separate households.

B. Question Responses

1. Do you agree or object to the application by Brett Aggregates for a quarry at the site at A1057 between St Albans & Hatfield?

375 responses

100% Object to the proposal for a quarry at the land indicated.

10 respondents have incorrectly selected Agree instead of Object.

To be transparent & clear their questionnaires indicate clear objections to the proposed quarry and concerns include comments that make this clear. Their forms are included in their entirety separately in **Appendix B** for verification -

Respondent number-

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118

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148

171

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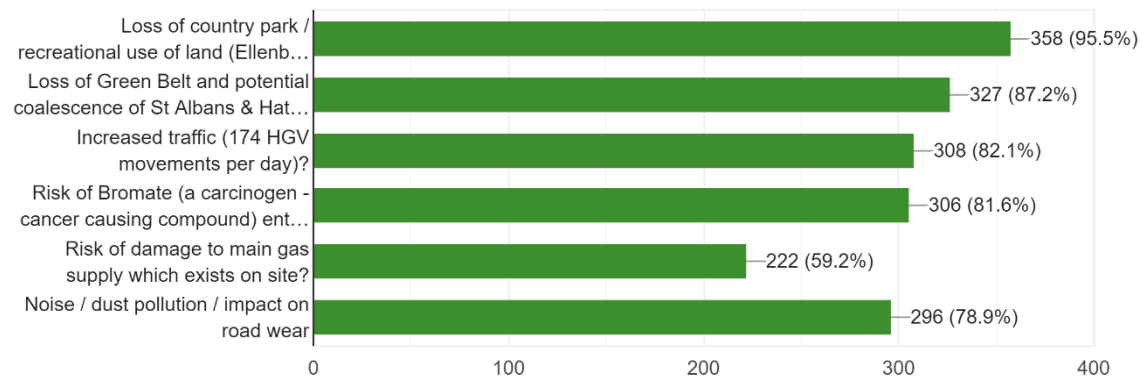
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2. What are the greatest concerns to you if you object to this application? (Select box / leave blank if you do not object)

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375 responses



95.5% - 358 of 372 Loss of country park

87.2% - 327 of 372 Loss of Green Belt & potential coalescence of St Albans & Hatfield

82.1% - 308 of 372 Increased traffic

81.6% - 306 of 372 Risk of bromate entering the water supply

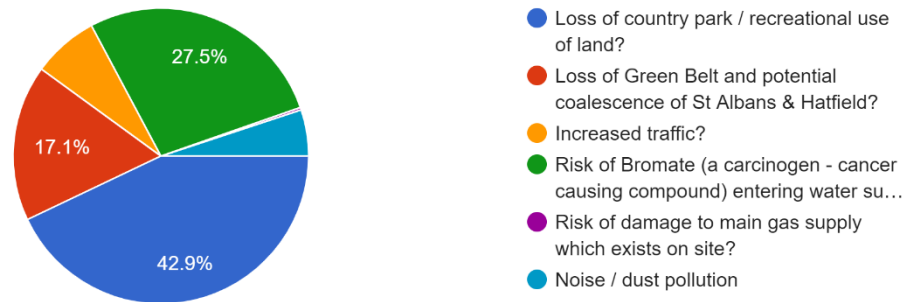
78.9% - 296 of 372 Noise/dust pollution/impact on road wear

59.2% - 222 Risk of damage to main gas supply

2. What is the 1st concern to you if you object? (place 1 - highest, place 6 - lowest) (leave blank if you do not object)

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42.9% - 161 Loss of Country Park / Recreational use of Land

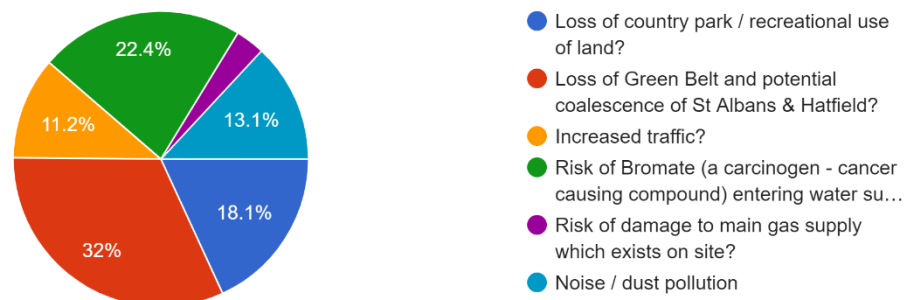
27.5% - 103 Risk of Bromate entering water supply

17.1% - 64 Loss of Green Belt & potential coalescence of St Albans & Hatfield

2. What is the 2nd concern to you if you object? (place 1 - highest, place 6 - lowest) (leave blank if you do not object)

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32% - 120 Loss of Green Belt & potential coalescence of St Albans & Hatfield

22.4% - 84 Risk of Bromate entering water supply

18.1% - 68 Loss of Country Park / Recreational use of Land

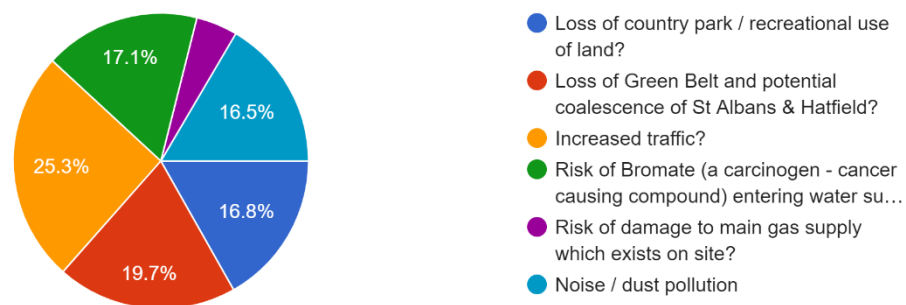
13.1% - 49 Noise / dust pollution

11.2% - 42 Increased traffic

2. What is the 3rd concern to you if you object? (place 1 - highest, place 6 - lowest) (leave blank if you do not object)

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25.3% - 95 Increased Traffic

19.7% - 74 Loss of Green Belt & potential coalescence of St Albans & Hatfield

17.1% - 64 Risk of Bromate entering water supply

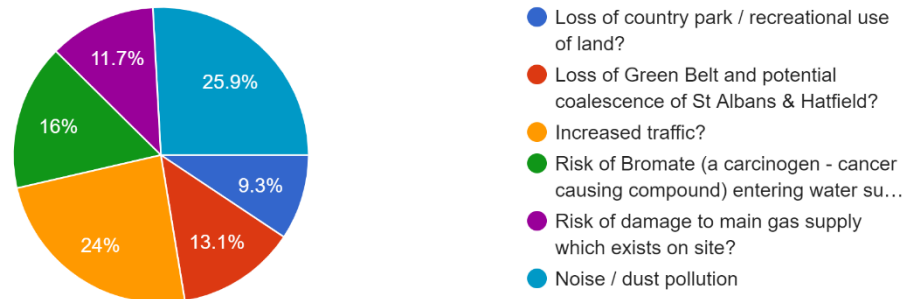
16.8% - 61 Loss of Country Park / Recreational use of Land

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2. What is the 4th concern to you if you object? (place 1 - highest, place 6 - lowest) (leave blank if you do not object)

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25.9% - 97 Noise / dust pollution

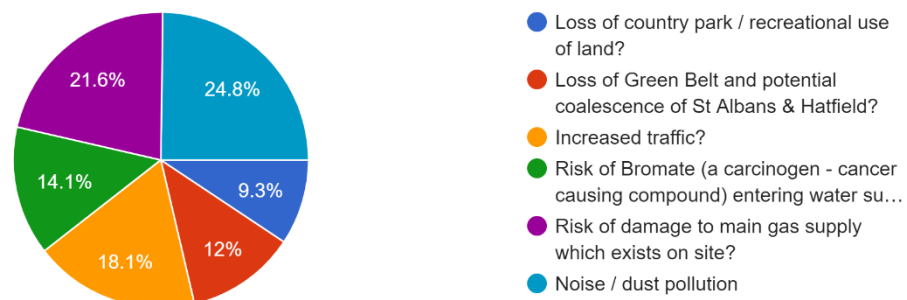
24% - 90 Increased traffic

16% - 60 Risk of bromate entering water supply

2. What is the 5th concern to you if you object? (place 1 - highest, place 6 - lowest) (leave blank if you do not object)

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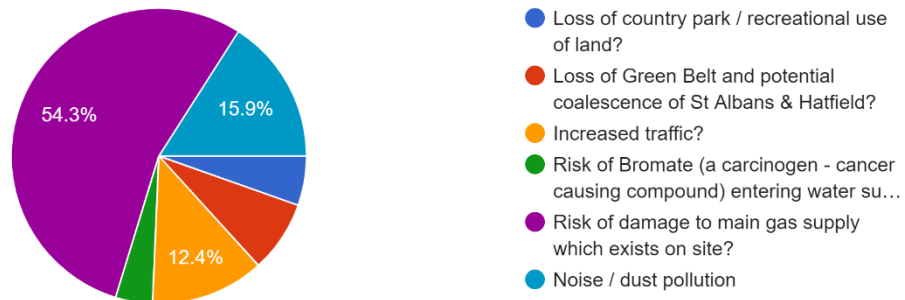
21.6% - 81 Risk of damage to main gas supply

18.1% - 68 Increased traffic

2. What is the 6th concern to you if you object? (place 1 - highest, place - lowest) (leave blank if you do not object)

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370 responses



54.3% - 201 Risk of damage to main gas supply

2.

Other. Please detail comments

75 responses

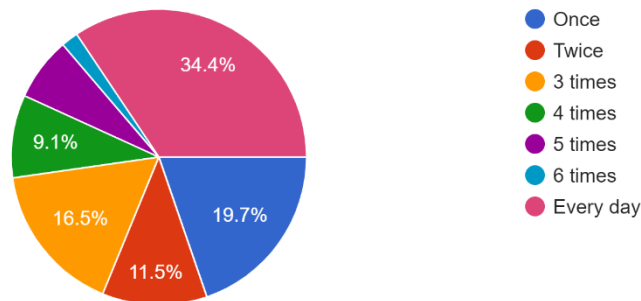
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Commonest frequency of use of the land-

Every day - 34.4%

1 time/week - 19.7%

3 times/week - 16.5%

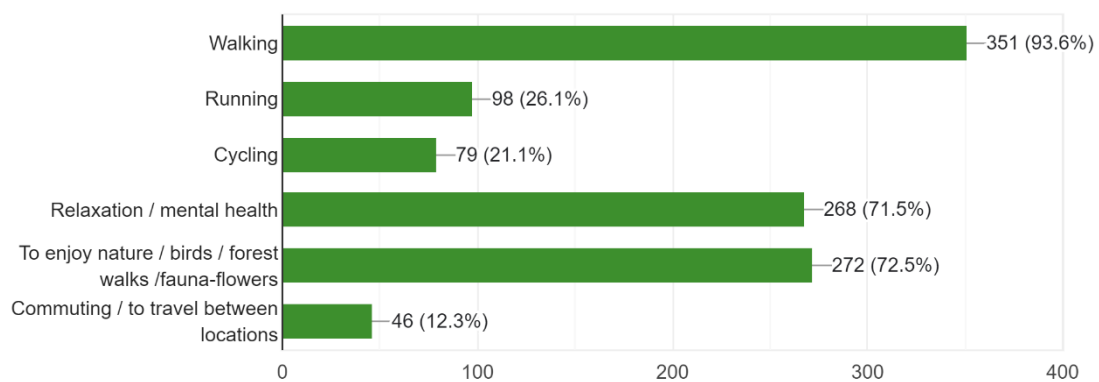
2 times/week – 11.6

4 times/week – 9.1%

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375 responses



Commonest uses by users of the land-

Walking – 93.6%

To enjoy nature / birds / forest walks / fauna-flowers – 72.5%

Relaxation / Mental health uses – 71.5%

Running 26.1%

Cycling 21.1%

12.3% use the site to commute

4. Please provide any comments.

99 responses

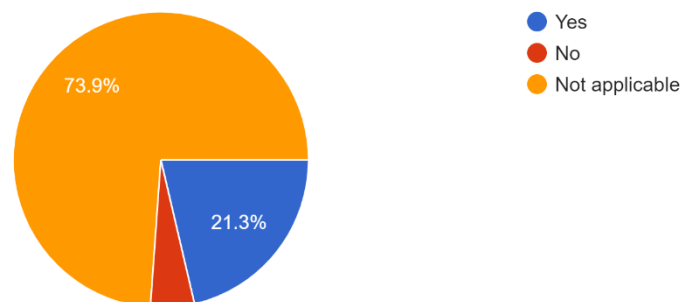
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Comments for Question 4 – How the country park land is used

5. If you do not currently use the country park land, would you do so if there is to be no quarry?

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277 Not Applicable

80 Yes

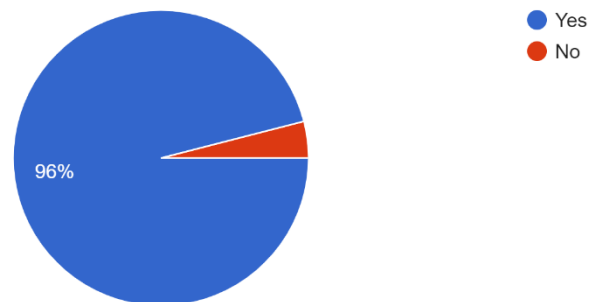
18 No

Of 98 respondents who do not currently use the site - 81.6% indicated they would use the site if the quarry does not go ahead.

6. If there is to be an active quarry on the site for the proposed 32 years, will this make you avoid using the site (even if paths / access are included)?

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360 of 375 respondents- 96% indicated they would avoid using the site if the quarry goes ahead.

6. Please provide any comments.

107 responses

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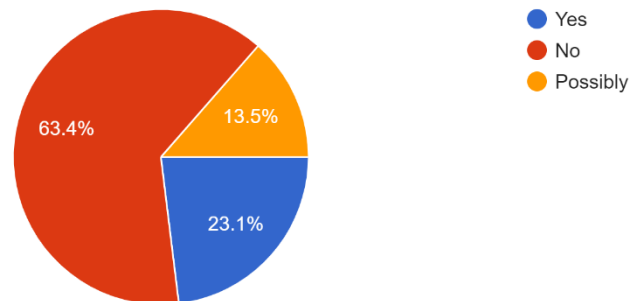
Comments for Question 6 – Will you avoid using the site over the next 32 years if a quarry goes ahead?

7. Do you have a disability / condition you feel will be impacted detrimentally by the quarry?

(optional)

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347 responses



23.1% -80 respondents indicated a disability / condition they feel will be impacted detrimentally.

13.5% -47 respondents indicated a possible disability / condition they feel will be impacted detrimentally.

The total of 36.6% -127 respondents (representing over a third of respondents) feel they have or possibly have a disability / condition that will be impacted detrimentally by the quarry.

7. Please provide any comments

90 responses

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Comments for Question 7 – Disabilities / conditions that may be detrimentally affected by a quarry

8. Please use this comment area to indicate -

Any details of any concerns or any objections

or

For any agreements with the application

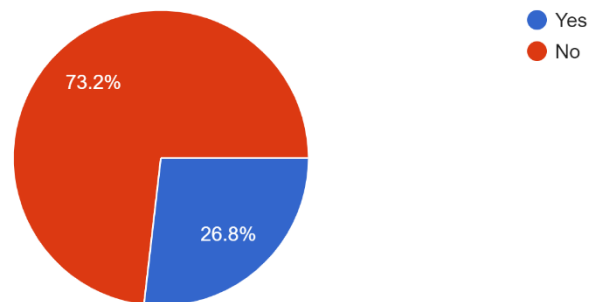
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9. Please indicate if you are willing to speak at the inquiry at Hertfordshire County Council on 19th November 2024 to voice any concerns

364 responses

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369 responses



26.8% -99 respondents indicated they would be willing to speak at the appeal Inquiry.

CONCLUSIONS

There is a unanimous 100% objection to the quarry proposal.

Greatest concerns, in order, are for the loss of country park, Green Belt & potential coalescence of St Albans & Hatfield, increased traffic, risk of bromate entering the water supply and noise/dust pollution/impact on road wear and damage to the main gas supply.

The main land use is daily by over 34% and 3 times/week by 16.5%.

Residents use the land mainly for enjoyment of nature/birds/forest walks/for fauna-flowers by 72.5% and it plays an important role in relaxation/mental health by 71.5%.

The commonest sporting activities are walking (93.6%) but also running and cycling are important uses (over 20%). The land is also used by 12.3% for commuting.

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Comments provide further detailed concerns

The full comments are provided in -

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Comments indicate concerns for –

-Loss of green belt, recreational space & environment

- Effect on Mental health, isolation / Pollution, dust, silica concern - health and breathing conditions including asthma & pulmonary diseases

-Traffic

Recurring Themes in Comments

The recurring themes are that of anger of losing the Green belt and recreational space with a high wildlife population and ecosystem developed over centuries. Concerns are for current residents and for future generations to have a green space to enjoy nature, wildlife and recreational activities such as walking, running and cycling. The importance that the site also has a role to play to allow commuting and acts as a source of income to local businesses such as dog walkers should also not be overlooked.

There are deep concerns for the impact on health from air pollution affecting pulmonary conditions such as asthma, obstructive pulmonary diseases and also the detrimental impact on mental health by removing a green space for quiet, relaxation and for recreation. Removal of the current site also has raised concerns for vulnerable groups in the population including mental health disorders, depression and those with poor mobility who use the area.

There are also concerns regarding bromate contamination on the water supply locally and potential silica dust.

Traffic and access around the site are major concerns with the knowledge that the proposal is for considerable increase in HGV lorries on roads already servicing a local CEMEX quarry. There are concerns regarding risk to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

Examples

-Loss of green belt, recreational space & environment

Over 30 years is a huge amount of time to lose this green open space for us, our children and grandchildren.

The long term damage to the eco system (100 years....)

Loss of natural habitat for wildlife.

Loss of environmentally important wildlife. This area of scrub, native woodland and small water features is home to endangered and/or rare birds, insects and mammals. It is environmentally vital that areas of scrub are preserved, especially in or near suburban areas, to maintain wildlife corridors and biodiversity.

This is a beautiful country park and should be protected at all costs. It provides valuable green space, which is imperative for nature and local residents mental health. The area is historic and should be celebrated not destroyed by a quarry. This is a truly **heartbreaking** idea that is to the detriment of such an important area of nature and history.

This land has matured well over the last 24+ years and trees and shrubs are reaching their full capacity for good carbon capture. **To destroy this and replant, after 30 years, will set back carbon capture by 54+ years.**

I walk my dog every day, if not twice a day in this country park land. It is vital to my **mental health**, and one of the key reasons I chose to move to this location specifically for the access to

green spaces. It is a really diverse park land with a wealth of blackberry bushes that I pick every summer!

This is a fabulous space for all to enjoy, a quarry? Seriously! Isn't **green belt land being abused** and taken enough.. this is an infringement on everyone who uses this spaces humans rights to fresh open spaces

I use the park twice a day to walk my dog and exercise myself. **There is so much wildlife on Ellenbrook Fields that this petition doesn't mention, owls, greater crested newts, cuckoo, yellow hammers and so many other bird species along with deer, foxes, rabbits and hares**, I've even seen stag beetles, stoats and weasels. There's thousands more species that I'll never see as it's a perfect wildlife environment, where would it all end up, apart from dead? I'm so disappointed that our councils have failed us previously in not ensuring that the park agreement was set up, and not removing the park from the minerals plan.

We are daily users of the fields, and with our very close proximity to the proposed site, this **presents an unfair health risk to us and other nearby residents**. We will have to move out of the area should this go ahead for ourselves and our family.

My children have and do enjoy **spending time in the nature reserve**. We bike ride, dog walk and explore the area regularly. It helps us get back to nature and **without this area there wouldn't be the opportunity's to discover nature and find a quiet place** away from all the day to day noise.

- Effect on Mental health, isolation / Pollution, dust, silica concern / bromate water contamination - health and breathing conditions including asthma & pulmonary diseases

As someone who suffers from **depression and anxiety** i rely on Ellenbrook Fields Park to help with my condition. I will almost certainly suffer a relapse if the quarry is approved.

As a **disabled user** if the area i am **able to use my scooter independently and it helps with mental health**. I use it 3 to 4 times a day to walk the dog and meet the community. It prevents loneliness the nature is established and wonderful.

Compromising the water table with a **carcinogen** is not worth any amount of money. Water is vital for life itself. If and there is no realistic alternative. Who will be monitoring the water and what will they do if contamination is found? Is there a realistic plan for an alternative supply? If not why not.

No body wants a quarry on their doorstep, particularly one that will **risk water contamination**, i would like to know **who will be responsible for dealing with any potential breach of the bromate plume** and who will finance it

The consequences of **breaching the Bromate plume** should NOT be underestimated. Why take such a risk, it does not make sense?!

Health risks are very significant in my view via pollution dust and **potential bromate**

...not to forget the health risk which exposure to **bromate** poses

Working for the NHS and working through the pandemic my mental health was effected and Ellenbrook has provided me and others a freedom of space in an already compromised residential area

This area has provided years of mental health benefits and healing... it is a small escape in an otherwise not so great area, Hatfield has very few accessible green spaces and lacks amenities. We and so many other people have met others whilst out dog walking and made new friendships here through activities, dog walking, nature watching, it's a peaceful haven for so many...

As someone who works from home and can see Ellenbrook from my house, I am extremely anxious about the thought of it becoming a quarry. I am deeply concerned about the risks to physical health. A place that allows me to get a chance at fresh air and calmness is now becoming a place that will literally do the opposite and put my health and wellbeing at risk. I also fear that my mental health and the mental health of those in the community will also suffer as I often go to the field when I feel anxious and without that outlet, many people could suffer. 3/4 members of my household also suffer with asthma, so I also feel worried about the impact of the dust. I would be extremely disappointed if this quarry were to go ahead and I would be more inclined to move away from the area as the countryside feel would be missing.

-Traffic

The site has bad traffic already with both the Coopers green lane and Hatfield road extremely busy, narrow and overused. Both these roads during rush hour are grid locked

Traffic heavy due to University and Oaklands College and other commuter traffic

4,000 Students (receptors) at UH in halls and on sports field vulnerable to inhaling silica dust and PM2.5 fumes from Lorries

I'm not convinced that the site will not harmful to local residents, schools and colleges nearby. Near to the site is a large college serving young people from across Hertfordshire, and there are primary schools just the other side of Ellenbrook Fields - including my son for who we move out of London to improve his Asthma - the wind will blow these dust particles across and into the school area. Traffic will build up on what is already a narrow and windy busy round, single lane traffic in each direction.

We live close to the proposed access road and are very concerned about noise pollution from lorry movements (which could easily be alleviated by moving the road to the middle of the site) and our ability to access the site

Hatfield road is a single lane road. The road is already busy and this development will substantially increase traffic and related pollution. We use this road several times a week. It's used by students accessing Oaklands College and the university of Hertfordshire. There will be increased air and water pollution from the digging and transport of materials dug up. It's adjacent to residential properties and a rugby club which doubles as a football club. There's a children's nursery next door. Children and young adults will breathe the polluted air whilst using the nursery and rugby/football grounds. Loss of amenity and green space around existing residential buildings

Residents are very close to this proposed quarry. All of the above harm their quality of life in addition to added danger of increased traffic, dust and noise. It is not possible to prioritise effectively any one objection, each one is an infringement to our quality of life and health.

It will **affect mental health of all the residents**, we have lived here for over 15 years and this place has been a quiet and healthy place to live in.

Destruction of wildlife habitat in the area of Hatfield which is already impoverished by lack of easily accessible free natural space. It destroys safe wildlife path ways and robs the local people of the chance to enjoy the only truly easily accessible wild spot in the area. It will impinge on the residents of Ellenbrook Oaklands Lane and Hatfield with the **increase in heavy traffic in an already an inadequate unsafe road network.**

As a **small business owner** that uses the park daily, this will be **a huge loss to me & my team** & to a lot of local dog walking businesses

We **already have a lot of noise from the industrial estate and diesel fumes.** And **traffic is a nightmare.** Losing the lack of places my children can go and learn about **nature** .

When will the senseless destruction of green belt land end?!? **Do you want our children to live in a concreted urban splurge with no cultural identity or connection to nature...** money speaks louder than words and this is a classic case of our grey, urban sprawl future...

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Connie Li

Paul Dutnall

Michael Wallace and family

Kelly Weal

Susanne Lam

George Woods

Kerry

Mr & Mrs Dudhia

Georgia Meakes

Logashini Naidu

Clair Johnson

Arianrhod Pazzi-Axworthy

David Goncalves

Diane Rickard

Cllr Margaret Eames-Petersen

Leung Thomas

Joe Beckett

Claire Barker

Kadene Balding

Simon Fung

Sarah carlucci

Krishan Chauhan

Toby Lester

Terry Hawton

Rachel Wilson

Debra Moore

Trudy and Derrick Crump

Jo Roberts

Michael Woodmore

Spencer James

Stephanie Stratford

Angela Lyddon

Fiona Smith

Charlotte

Codie Lyddon

Mark Towey

Alan Waksberg

Sylvia court

Jonathan Foy

Lydia Beckett

Carol Kwok

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Sarah Abbott

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Annie Scott

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Stephen Greengrass

Sara Green

Kelly Easey
Elspeth Jackson
Sandra Hudson
Samir parmar
Zack
Kelly Ferguson
Matthew Myers
Charlotte Pemberthy
Kayleigh Wesley
Julie Bullen
Louise McCluskey
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Lisa Gorsuch
Mike Bilko
Jodie
Richard Lewis
Nick Dilworth
jim hodgkins
Julie Radford
Tatiana Petchenkina
Steve Ross
Emma
Lisa Pemberthy
Abby Cullen
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Sarah Greenway
Ria Bailes

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Lisa Arrighi
Kirsty Lee Wright
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Michelle McLaughlin
Daniel Morris
Tamsyn Noble
Namita Hooda
Sarah Staines
Adam Simmons
Katsiaryna Pinayeva
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Kathryn Pople
Elizabeth Woodhead
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Michael Wise

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Samantha Koliardos

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David Stewart

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Elizabeth Fulton

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APPENDIX D

Comments for Question 2 – Concerns of a quarry

78 responses

We are daily users of the fields, and with our very close proximity to the proposed site, this presents an unfair health risk to us and other nearby residents. We will have to move out of the area should this go ahead for ourselves and our family.

Plenty of land available elsewhere in the whole of Herts which will not cause problems to a community when "quarried".

Aggregate lorries regularly spill loads of gravel on local roads already this will increase with another quarry. I have seen motorcycles slide due to this in the past so far as I know there have been no fatalities yet, also had damage to my vehicle from spilt Aggregate loads being picked up by the car in front and thrown at my car.

Very concerned by the bromate issue

4,000 Students (receptors) at UH in halls and on sports field vulnerable to inhaling silica dust and PM2.5 fumes from Lorries

Increased flooding risk from loss of flood management land

The long term damage to the eco system (100 years....)

Loss of environmentally important wildlife. This area of scrub, native woodland and small water features is home to endangered and/or rare birds, insects and mammals. It is environmentally vital that areas of scrub are preserved, especially in or near suburban areas, to maintain wildlife corridors and biodiversity.

The animals that all live in that area will lose their habitats

Unnecessary duplication of existing quarry

Also risk of flooding to the surrounding areas which is already a problem without the quarry

Loss of habitat for rare breed birds that nest on the site.

Risk of devaluation of property as we are significantly close the the quarry site.

This will be a blight on Hatfield for many years to come

Community - as a dog walker I enjoy walking with other dog walkers. We have a WhatsApp group of over 60 people who enjoy being able to use the facilities the park offers.

As a small business owner that uses the park daily, this will be a huge loss to me & my team & to a lot of local dog walking businesses

Loss of biodiversity: all the species of birds, mamals

When will the senseless destruction of green belt land end?!? Do you want our children to live in a concreted urban splurge with no cultural identity or connection to nature... money speaks

louder than words and this is a classic case of our grey, urban sprawl future and councillors without the backbone to say no when enough is enough.

All reasons are equal. This has lost appeals for good reason. Nothings changed.

The previous refusals to grant permission of this site for quarrying have clearly illustrated this is a very bad and dangerous plan for Ellenbrook Fields.

This has been objected to for the last 10years by residents and people living in the area, and has been upheld. Its devastating that it's being looked at again. Ecological disaster to nature established for 20+years, loss of community and green space for Hatfield.

A succession of wilder walking areas are being lost in this area and there is already a huge amount of quarrying.

This is a fabulous space for all to enjoy, a quarry? Seriously! Isn't green belt land being abused and taken enough.. this is an infringement on everyone who uses this spaces humans rights to fresh open spaces

Damage to nature

a All the concerns have been voiced over the 7 years that Brett Aggregates have been applying for a quarry. Their application has been refused each time What has changed that their application should not be refused again

It's difficult to list my objections in priority, they are all important. If the Inspector agreed with the objections previously, I fail to see how they could change their mind and now allow this quarry to happen, particularly from a water pollution and greenbelt aspect. I use the park twice a day to walk my dog and exercise myself. There is so much wildlife on Ellenbrook Fields that this petition doesn't mention, owls, greater crested newts, cuckoo, yellow hammers and so many other bird species along with deer, foxes, rabbits and hares, I've even seen stag beetles, stoats and weasels. There's thousands more species that I'll never see as it's a perfect wildlife environment, where would it all end up, apart from dead? I'm so disappointed that our councils have failed us previously in not ensuring that the park agreement was set up, and not removing the park from the minerals plan. Has anyone investigated the air pollution effect on those working, living and learning nearby? There is a primary school, university and private use of the sports fields, all users will be affected, not just local residents.

I object to all. It was turned down last year 8 to 2, what has gone on to change this!!!!

Sometimes I use twice per day

Everything is a huge concern to my mental well being

Damaging to the whole neighbourhood and area ie. quality of living, health, increased noise and damage to the whole fauna that is settled already on the premises

The gravel extraction has caused the road from St Albans to Welwyn Garden City to regularly flood, sometime that did NOT happen 20 years ago before gravel was extracted in that area. This is because when the gravel was there rainwater had a natural drain, which no longer exists because the gravel is no longer there.

Dog Walking

This is where we walk every day and not sure what we'll do if this goes. It is pretty much the last suitable place left to walk dogs in Hatfield.

Where will children play and dog walkers go when land is either built on with shoddy flats or mined?????

Less places to take dogs on walks, go on daily walks and runs

Green belt and increase in traffic has an impact on the community and our children

All of the green spaces are going! Making Hatfield a horrible place to live.

This land has matured well over the last 24+ years and trees and shrubs are reaching their full capacity for good carbon capture. To destroy this and replant, after 30 years, will set back carbon capture by 54+ years.

Traffic heavy due to University and Oaklands College and other commuter traffic

Bringing this beautiful area down. House prices reduced. Illness. It not safe for families. And the wildlife you are extinguishing. Taking community green space where we socialise and walk our animals. How this is even a possibility is beyond belief.

Asthma in the family

Each of the 6 statements are extremely alarming and are very valid points in themselves as to why this should not go ahead! You've spelt it out in the questions!

BAE left this to the local residents for recreational purposes and to improve their quality of life for all in a deed of covenant has this conveniently been buried?

Loss of play area for children

My grandchildren learn cycling as it's safer over there

Property price going down in the Ellenbrook area

Destruction of wildlife habitat in the area of Hatfield which is already impoverished by lack of easily accessible free natural space. It destroys safe wildlife path ways and robs the local people of the chance to enjoy the only truly easily accessible wild spot in the area. It will impinge on the residents of Ellenbrook Oaklands Lane and Hatfield with the increase in heavy traffic in an already an inadequate unsafe road network.

Loss of natural habitat for wildlife and grazing for farming both of which are valued. How can we teach our children to respect and enjoy nature if we're willing to constantly willing to carve it up for profit.

The local voice has been silenced though threats real or otherwise by the planning process

There is an increased risk in distribution of natural habitat for many animal species birds and plants.

I'm concerned for my family's and my young children's health and my baby, we live directly opposite to where the quarry would be! It would be devastating to have this ruin such a beautiful area or St Albans / Hatfield! The council have plenty of land and the farmers have plenty of land that is nowhere near residents why not just build a quarry there why does it need to be so close to human interaction!

Silica dust concern

Loss of natural habitat for wildlife.

Reduction of local habitats causing wildlife to disappear. Health issues due to living near the quarry. Lack of access to Ellenbrook- the access plan is flawed, lots of the bunds appear to move during the different phases with no plan as to how this will happen and there is an access route across the top one of the bunds. The noise assessment is not reliable , not enough base data was taken. The proximity of the quarrying process to residents, CEMEX quarry plant is close, but no quarrying actually takes place so close to residents. The loss of so many native trees and hedgerows . The visual effect of the site. When Lawrence Close was built, a rat population appeared- I'm sure this will happen if the quarry is built. The duration of the effects- we will have noise pollution 6 days a week for the next 32 + years.

Extremely unthoughtful plan against the well being of local residents and surrounding areas

The gravel extraction has caused the road from St Albans to Welwyn Garden City to regularly flood, something that did not happen 20 years ago, before gravel was extracted in that area. This is because when there was gravel there, there was a natural drain, which no longer exists, because the gravel is no longer there.

It will affect mental health of all the residents, we have lived here for over 15 years and this place has been a quiet and healthy place to live in.

We already have a lot of noise from the industrial estate and diesel fumes. And traffic is a nightmare. Losing the lack of places my children can go and learn about nature .

Unacceptable if someone tries to ruin life people have chosen!!!

I'm disabled and the health benefits of being able to get fresh air is important to me and my children.

I'm not convinced that the site will not harmful to local residents, schools and colleges nearby. Near to the site is a large college serving young people from across Hertfordshire, and there are primary schools just the other side of Ellenbrook Fields - including my son for who we move out of London to improve his Asthma - the wind will blow these dust particles across and into the school area. Traffic will build up on what is already a narrow and windy busy round, single lane traffic in each direction. Buses running this route already cause significant issues but are necessary - I can't see without significant increase to local road network, causing further destruction of green space, how we can cope with an increase in HGV traffic.

Heavy Goods Vehicles using Oaklands Lane, a small country lane with no footpath or cycle lane. Cycling on this link road is unsafe

School near by poor kiddies

This should not happen kiddies school too close

insecure site for children in the local area to explore and current areas of quarry not secure!

I have bad asthma and this will increase my healthy issues at an age that they will get worse without any help from dust, dirty, noise and stress

I didn't know there was a risk to the mains gas supply.

THE LOSS AND DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL HABITATS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF ANIMAL SPECIES

Strain on local area and loss of green belt

Close to local schools and houses, health hazard to children and impact on property value

Environmental pollution

Loss of home for wildlife

Lack of trust in the intentions, capabilities and skills of Brett and its staff.

Increased risk of flooding on A1057. Increased risk of Road Traffic Accidents.

Quiet place to walk

Spoiling the land for all the local people who use it

We live close to the proposed access road and are very concerned about noise pollution from lorry movements (which could easily be alleviated by moving the road to the middle of the site) and our ability to access the site

Residents are very close to this proposed quarry. All of the above harm their quality of life in addition to added danger of increased traffic, dust and noise. It is not possible to prioritise effectively any one objection, each one is an infringement to our quality of life and health.

APPENDIX E

Comments for Question 4 – How the country park land is used

102 responses

This land was promised to the people of Hatfield as a park and as such the agreement should stand. This is land that helps keep people feeling good and healthy, destroying it will destroy all of the good it does.

We use the fields at least once, often twice, a day. As do many others who we see on a regular basis. There is no other walkable green land for us, only major roads with poor pedestrian routes.

Relaxation and mental health wellbeing

This is not a good development

n/a

It is the only free large public park in Hatfield , and has been promised to residents for 25 years .The park run should return - it was very popular and important for mental and physical health

Every day we walk our dog here and see lots of other walkers, dog walkers and families

Live in Bramble Road. Can't turn right in the morning as it is, huge Lorrie's coming down scares me. More accidents waiting to happen

This is a massive area full of natural beauty, the infrastructure around this area is already saturated with cars

This is a beautiful country park and should be protected at all costs. It provides valuable green space, which is imperative for nature and local residents mental health. The area is historic and should be celebrated not destroyed by a quarry. This is a truly heartbreaking idea that is to the detriment of such an important area of nature and history.

Used daily to walk dogs and exercise

On my daily walks in this area I have seen: goldfinch, barnowl, peregrine falcon, jay, and heard cuckoos. Also seen muntjack several times.

In addition to the reasons above this park is to the mental health of local residents, the noise and pollution will only increase the impacts of losing access to this green space.

We've used this park extensively over the years we have lived here, visiting with fiend and family when they come

This is a great, safe place to walk dogs. A really varied, natural environment where you don't have to be concerned for traffic or your canine spoiling children's play

Social meet ups with family and friends.

Horrified at the prospect of the wuarrrt

As someone who suffers from depression and anxiety i rely on Ellenbrook Fields Park to help with my condition. I will almost certainly suffer a relapse if the quarry is approved.

Used by myself for me & my dogs & also for my dog walking company

The land owner should be obliged to honour it's existing s106 payments to enable use of the land as a country park

It's a great place for families

This is essential space for the community. Too many lives are impacted.

I walk at Ellenbrook every day sometimes twice a day

Every time myself and wife walk the Ellenbrook Fields it is quite evident how popular the fields are for many walkers, dog walkers, cyclists, bird watchers and general recreational use.

As a disabled user if the area i am abke to use mg scoiter independently and it hekps with mental health. I use ut 3 to 4 times a day ro walk the dog and meet the community. It orevents lonkiness the nature is established and wonderful.

Significant amount of dog walkers

I spend a lot of time here with my digs and kids, we are alway meeting friends to walk digs, and it's great outdoor space to improve everyone mental health

So many people use the fields for all the reasons above, that to deprive the community of this would be lamentable given the lack of other places in the vicinity

There are leas and less dog walking and bridlepaths

Please don't let it be used as a quarry

It's the most beautiful place to go and unwind

I feel wholly let down by HCC, they should have seen this through to completion, removed the park from the minerals plan and then reviewed what/who to deal with, going forward. No body wants a quarry on their doorstep, particularly one that will risk water contamination, i would like to know who will be responsible for dealing with any potential breach of the bromate plume and who will finance it, because it shouldnt be the tax payer. In addition to my objections, im assuming the value of my property will fall if a quarry goes ahead, as we live directly opposite the park.

It is essencial for our well being. We have enough stress to deal with as it is.

Please don't take this from us

I use the park every single day for my daily walks which are so important for my mental health

One daily for walks and exercise

I use this space 3/4 times a day on certain occasion

I use this daily and consider is a massive part of my life all year round being able to enjoy the fresh air

This is our must visit with visitors and family coming over to us, walking the daily, sports events to watch and enjoy the woodland and the nature around including the bluebells season which is always a must

Dog walker would lose ability to operate business

I'm also disgusted that HCC have pulled out of the process because they cannot afford it. What? So we let corporations like this walk all over us because they have money??

Dog walks

Dog loves the area

Why take away a public used space. Use instead a place not used by the public.

Lock down proved we need open spaces. Mental health in this country is a ticking time bomb. Do the right thing please

It's also really useful for dog walkers

We use the open space for our trainee Guide Dogs to free run.

A great dog walking field.

There was a wildlife survey done in 1995. Another should be done so that it is made clear what damage is being done to wildlife in this area.

This is the only area of countryside near the University for staff and students to use for a walk in the fresh air during lunchtime and breaks in studies

Decreasing this space is unthinkable. I alone am an asthmatic as many are. This pollution you are creating. Noise. We work from home as do many. The noise will be unbearable. Unable to open windows for pollution and noise. It's diabolical

My children have and do enjoy spending time in the nature reserve. We bike ride, dog walk and explore the area regularly. It helps us get back to nature and without this area there wouldn't be the opportunity's to discover nature and find a quiet place away from all the day to day noise.

As someone who works from home and can see Ellenbrook from my house, I am extremely anxious about the thought of it becoming a quarry. I am deeply concerned about the risks to physical health. A place that allows me to get a chance at fresh air and calmness is now becoming a place that will literally do the opposite and put my health and wellbeing at risk. I also fear that my mental health and the mental health of those in the community will also suffer as I often go to the field when I feel anxious and without that outlet, many people could suffer. 3/4 members of my household also suffer with asthma, so I also feel worried about the impact of the dust. I would be extremely disappointed if this quarry were to go ahead and I would be more inclined to move away from the area as the countryside feel would be missing.

Working for the NHS and working through the pandemic my mental health was effected and Ellenbrook has provided me and others a freedom of space in an already compromised residential area that is no longer our own with multiple HMOS and greedy landlords who have no regard for the area. Further more as a mortgage payer this will undoubtedly effect the value of my home

Perfect location for walking dogs and for my mental health.

I use this space to walk my dog twice a day and to commute to work. Alternate route to work are twice as long in time and distance.

It's great place to walk, stop and chat with other walkers

I use the park frequently to walk from my home in Jersey Park to Notcutts. I also walk my daughters

This park has been a daily part of my exercise for years and not only helps keep me healthy in body and mind - it also is a massive part of our community where we encourage each other on similar journeys

It's an amazing park. We do not have much green space left around here that is not being built on. Think of the environmental loss by making this a quarry

Hatfield road is a single lane road. The road is already busy and this development will substantially increase traffic and related pollution. We use this road several times a week. It's used by students accessing Oaklands College and the university of Hertfordshire. There will be increased air and water pollution from the digging and transport of materials dug up. It's adjacent to residential properties and a rugby club which doubles as a football club. There's a children's nursery next door. Children and young adults will breathe the polluted air whilst using the nursery and rugby/football grounds. Loss of amenity and green space around existing residential buildings

This area is full of history and nature, fresh air and OPEN space.

Not every week

Ellenbrook is a place where people would go to relax and is not normal to walk near an excavation site, can be dangerous.

My family love taking walks in this nature reserve it is the only place we have to walk locally, we love our walks and we really wouldn't want this to be taken away from us and our children also my children's health could be at risk placing this quarry here.

Loss of important habitat

Wildlife has flourished in the last 20 years or so, it would be criminal to have the quarry

The loss of a quiet area that wildlife can thrive in would be very detrimental. Being able to walk through such an area is a privilege and should be protected at all costs. Who will benefit if they start excavating? Business only, I wonder who owns that business.....

Over 30 years is a huge amount of time to lose this green open space for us, our children and grandchildren.

Dog walking

A safe space to walk dogs

I believe the introduction of a quarry would negatively impact the natural environment, local wildlife, and the community's use of the park for activities such as walking, running, and relaxation. The peace and tranquility of the area, which is important for mental well-being, would be disrupted.

I love walking my dogs on this site. Looking at the barn owls and all the other beautiful wildlife
Ellenbrook Fields also provides links to the wider network of routes to the north, south and west.

We will there daily , whatever the day, whatever the weather , lots of people are enjoying the open space.

more people are in apartments & have no gardens they need places to go & be outside. Allso it's just ruining the ecoo system. The land & nature are important for our servival

This area has provided years of mental health benefits and healing... it is a small escape in an otherwise not so great area, Hatfieldgas very few accessible green spaces and lacks amenities. We and so many other people have met others whilst out dog walking and made new friendships here through activities, dog walking, nature watching, it's a peaceful haven for so many...

Please leave the green belt alone

This is our closest park for walking away from the traffic

I am a young person who uses the country park frequently, for mental health walks, and for a nice walk to the shopping centre and the library. It is very important to me.

I walk my dog every day, if not twice a day in this country park land. It is vital to my mental health, and one of the key reasons I chose to move to this location specifically for the access to green spaces. It is a really diverse park land with a wealth of blackberry bushes that I pick every summer!

The country park provides free space away from traffic and pollution. Permitting quarry there would be against nature and put all local residents at risk of mental issue which inturn will cause severe strain on already overstretched NHS services. I believe secretary of state should take this into account before deciding.

We live right next to Ellenbrook and use it daily for walking our dogs and children, we love seeing the cows and doing a circular walk for health and mind.

What other options left for us to get fresh air near by?

We need to be left alone for our mental health somewhere to sit and gather our thoughts

We need the greenbelt

It is a safe place to let my dog off the lead, there is no where else local where i can walk to to do this. Allban Way has too many bikes

My husband and I live on/use the roads adjacent to the land and use them daily. They are frquently congested already with HGVs from the Cemex site.

Thsj keeps getting rejected. It shouldn't be allowed to keep being resubmitted

It's a special area

Access to what may be left of the Country Park will be more hazardous.

Just love walking and meeting other walkers

With the country committed to a move towards a carbon neutral position, this development flies in the face of positive progress in that direction.

Tranquility and peaceful land enjoyed by many people

This is a fantastic, safe environment for walking and dog walking which is likely to be spoilt if quarrying is permitted

Country park is a valuable resource for the local community, particularly since the local area has been built on and developed extensively recently.

APPENDIX F

Comments for Question 6 – Will you avoid using the site over the next 32 years if a quarry goes ahead?

111 responses

This land was promised to the people of Hatfield as a park, it should stay a park. My life is made better for it being there, don't destroy it, once its gone it'll never be as it was. Keep the park as a park.

We will likely move from the area should the quarry go ahead.

Noise and dust pollution/ hazard

Safety of dogs is paramount

na

It will not be very safe for young children (my grandchildren) and dogs - next to a quarry

Risks from heavy machinery and pollution would be too much with dogs and children

Health risks are very significant in my view via pollution dust and potential bromate

HCC should be ashamed announcing they would not fight this, im sure the public would raise the money or should have been given a vote, like Brexit!

Why should we have to be limited to set walk ways? If I wanted to be limited to walking on a path, I would walk down a street

If it is quarry we would not look to use this for recreational purposes

We would be concerned about the noise and pollution so would refrain from going near the quarry

Noise and dust pollution would not make it an area that I'd enjoy using

While I probably wouldn't avoid it wholly, I would not be as relaxed too let the dogs run free with the provisions mentioned and therefore would probably have to find another more suitable location.

Primary due to health and safety concerns.

Brett aggregates do not care about local residents

The experience of walking in EFP will almost certainly be less enjoyable - noise, dust, mental wellbeing, peace.

Increase risk of bromides/dusts etc

Stop the madness. You are affecting people's lives.

The site will become a depressing place to visit with smoke and dust pollution in the air.

A quarry is an absolute disaster for this area. Ecologically, pollution, traffic and carcinogenic dust. This is absolute awful that Brett are unable to appeal by yet again ..it's been 10yrs of fighting from the residents and people who live in the community. Brett is only interested in money

I would not want to be near an active quarry site, noisy dangerous toxic

Access from the west (Smallford) will be problematic given the need to cross the perimeter bund and the haul road to the processing plant

I am appalled that this may happen, it's just so sad

Increased noise pollution, traffic and loss of green are reasons enough for us to avoid the area. Already there is a traffic problem in the area owing to existing Cemex quarry a new quarry for 32 years will make the area traffic a nightmare and also increase the noise pollution not to forget the health risk which exposure to bromate poses

Risk to health if quarry

Compromising the water table with a carcinogen is not worth any amount of money. Water is vital for life itself. If and there is no realistic alternative. Who will be monitoring the water and what will they do if contamination is found? Is there a realistic plan for an alternative supply? If not why not.

We already have other queries near by and they are loud most days already when the wind is directed our way

I would use the park when the quarry wasn't active, for further comments, please see comments in section 2

It would not be a relaxing and well being place to be.

I wouldn't use the park for my walks or running if the quarry was there because of the pollution

I'd move house out of the area as this would destroy my life

I would consider leave the area and moving away from Smallford which I love so much, it will break my heart

I would not be able to use this area with such enjoyment anymore

We walk the dog daily in the area and enjoy the mental relaxation that it brings. Asthmatic person in the family that is distraught by the thought of quarry. It will be sad to move as this application is making us sad to have invested in a forever home that might come to the end. The main reason we bought a property in Ellenbrook was actually the easy access to the Ellenbrook fields.

Unsafe for dogs

Dust from Quarry is most concerned, when you do sport, running and walking. Any study to investigate the dust particles from quarry plant immigrant to surrounding house and university affecting our health especially our young generation. Is it worth?

Of course I'll avoid it! For all the reasons above of bromate, noise, dust, articulated lorries

I won't be around for 32 years so want to enjoy it while I can

It will not be an attractive area if there is a quarry there. Noise pollution etc etc. The same devastation as in the other side of Cooper Green Lanes.

Walks are for peace and quiet with the sound of birds, not the sound of diggers and dust

The reduced site will not be big enough and will not contain enough diversity of nature along side the noise and pollution caused

The proposal has been rejected previously and there no reasons that it should be approved.

The constant noise and dust from this area will be horrendous. There are ample quarries locally to supply the need for cement.

I would not want to walk in such unsightly surroundings, breathing unhealthy air. inhaling unhealthy dust.

The environment would be totally spoilt

I live in one of the closest house. This would ruin my families health. Our business. Reduce our house piece and bring this area down.

I go there for peace and quiet not noise and pollution

Absolutely sick to my stomach at the thought of demolishing the parkland for monetary gains

Placing a quarry a the centre of a highly populated multifaceted community is risking the health, safety and wellbeing of that community. Precious habitats will be destroyed and flora and fauna impacted in a negative

I do not want to walk in an area that will compromise my health with the risk of carcinogens

If there are large vehicles traveling through the area it will no longer be safe for my dog to roam freely, it won't be safe for breathing as I have a lung condition I will end of having to travel elsewhere to walk my dog and also find alternative routes to work. n

Bad environment for health

Bad air, health risk

The quarry would be noisy and would no longer be a pleasant place to walk and think.

The site of the De Havillands Aerodrome should be protected. It is part of our local heritage. Is mothing sacred these days. Thw quarry has enough land. Where will they wantvto dig next? The Woodland Park,ge

It will completely ruin the current flow of the park - rendering certain parts inaccessible

Why ruin a good park for a quarry. Other places for quarries don't take away our green space

I am elderly but use the site when I can

This is a loss for generations. If you walk around any active or reclaimed quarry they are not the same as a natural environment.

It will not be noisy dusty whilst in operation particularly to those residents in Smallford.

I would feel in danger due to trafic pollution.

It is a danger to me and my family

Noise and pollution would be a deterrent

I am very local - I go to Nittcutts and the Smallford farm shop all the time-I, as well as walking along the Alban Way a lot. The flooding in this area is very problematical. My own house is at risk of flooding from run off / blocked culverts/ Ellenbrook. I'm sure it's only a matter of time as it has gotten worse year by year. The Hatfield Rd will be difficult to negotiate if there is that much HGV traffic,mc . The mud n debris left on Sllford Lane in particular, as well as the Smallford roundabout is bad enough already.

The paths around existing or defunct quarries in the local area have been churned up so much by HGV movement to not maintained to the point where they are unusable.

The current arrangement has not met the original terms of agreement so I have huge doubts that any paths will be made, in addition the open space currently is great for letting dogs off the lead etc

The reasons for using the site as it exists today would be removed.

It depends on the disruption and damage to the area.

The presence of a quarry for 32 years would severely disrupt the peaceful environment, making it less appealing to use the land for recreational purposes. I would be concerned about noise, dust, and overall environmental degradation, which would deter me from visiting.

Green spaces should be preserved especially areas with such history!!

It is important that the proposed mitigation of routes is in place BEFORE quarry work begins, as past experience strongly suggests successor organisations avoid implementing these once work ends or is near completion.

It would not be safe to walk there - too much noise and exposure to dust. The HSE has lots of information about how employees should be protected from dust, yet the public will be put at risk. Also road safety is not addressed properly. The access plan suggests that there will be crossing points- I'm sure that the drivers of large trucks will not have 100% vision of pedestrians/joggers/cyclists. Routing access routes across internal roads is an accident waiting to happen.

It will be unhealthy, dusty, noisy, unsafe with pedestrian paths crossing HGV vehicular traffic

There is a Risk of carcinogen

Why would we want to view quarry machinery and even worse have to listen to them

It would probably be quite off putting to me, yes.

I have asthma, and the dust pollution from the active quarry would mean that I would not be able to enjoy paths/access if they were included.

We use the park to have clean air but if quarry is there it kills the purpose.

If Ellenbrook was turned into a quarry we would no longer wish to live there and would likely move out of the area

I am asthmatic, and I occasionally run with Children. Hence i would avoid the site - even with paths.

Even if the access is there but the noise and air pollution will make it unhealthy and unusable.

I ride bicycles with my young daughter there

I feel the quarry potentially is a very dangerous place what if some child got on to the site aswell .

Risk of pollution, cancerogenic dust.

There is alot of nature here and probably endangered wildlife newts up in the pond

It probably wouldn't stop me using it - but I would use it less frequently and I think the noise/pollution would affect the mental-health benefits.

It will not be safe to let my dog off the lead, it will be noisy and not feel like a pleasant walk

Hertfordshire has very little open areas like this, close enough to the M25 which isn't intensively farmed, a golf course or managed parkland (which isn't always great for wildlife). The site as bad traffic already with both the Coopers green lane and Hatfield road extremely busy, narrow and overused. Both these roads during rush hour are grid locked, so with the extra workload of the building site and when the tenants and homeowners move in, how will they travel around? Also a major concern is that a quarry has also be given planning permission right next to the development. Quarry sites are very dangerous for Children, but also can be easily accessible. How will you keep a quarry site safe and secure. Plus the water pollution is an issue from other rejected proposals. The site currently in its semi arable, but open space has great for bio diversity that gets better every year, its alive all year round. In spring there is an explosion of colour, including a spectacular bluebell site in the wood. Summer offers many rare species of wild flowers. If we are going to tackle climate change and air pollution in the south east of England, it's to say no to this type of development...

The dust is a great concern for aggregating my asthma

The peace of the countryside would be totally undermined by the noise and potential health hazards of dust etc from the site.

It will definitely be a health hazard!

THERE ARE ALREADY QUARRYS AND EXCAVATIONS IN THE NEARBY AREAS AND THEY CREATE SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH DIRT, NOISE, TRAFFIC RUBBISH.

If there was a quarry, we would consider leaving Hatfield due to pollution concerns.

Quarries destroy everything

The above answer depends on exactly what paths/access remain. It is still a nice walk with views and is good for mental health etc and enough land stays maybe. But depends on what impact the quarry has.

Difficult to respond to the question of future use until we know the conditions on the site whilst it's being quarried. _Should have included an 'Unsure' option.

Air pollution will have a detrimental affect on my health, both in general and even when in my garden.

Surely there will be pollution???

Will be noisy and no longer a nice place to unwind

The solution created will act as a deterrent to anyone voluntarily making use of what has been a worthwhile community green space facility.

I don't believe it will be available

This proposal is uncalled for. The road system already can't manage with commuters, buses school traffic and the list goes on. The traffic pollution will only increase

I find it difficult to see how we will access the site given the proposed access road runs along the back of our development and I don't know how they will keep it safe for dog walking

APPENDIX G

Comments for Question 7 – Disabilities / conditions that may be detrimentally affected by a quarry

90 responses

Mental health issues, these ease having somewhere near to visit daily to keep me healthy. Breathing problems, more dust and muck in the air won't make it better.

Asthma

Asthma

Mental health

Mental health

The health risk will impact all of us, with or without prior disability.

My daughter has asthma

Mental Health

I have lung issues that would be impacted by increased dust

n/a

Anyone vulnerable with asthma or CHD will have the condition worsened by inhaling PM2.5 fumes from the lorries (also silica dust will be generated at the site - thought to generate lung disease).

Asthma could get worse based on various quarry pollutants and increased traffic pollution

Just because I don't have a disability or condition my quality of life will still be detrimentally impacted by this quarry through lack of sleep due to noise, pollution and potentially harmful chemicals

Respiratory issue for kids that will definitely impact by the quarry.

I do not, but my wife has asthma.

However, daughter has severe skin eczema which is manageable with medication and water filtering system.

Anxiety and depression

Asthma, anxiety,

I use a mobility scooter, the paths mean I can get out with the dog 3 or 4 times or more a day, it improves mental health and meditation. It prevents loneliness. I meet people in the community. The wildlife is wonderful: owls, foxes, deer, badgers, birds, cows, newts, frogs. Not being able to use this area and being stuck inside due to dust and noise will seriously impact my health.

Autism and learning difficulties

i am disabled and i use the Ellenbrook for my mental health

Breathing issues

Breathing in dust.

Asthma- which will be affected by the dust and pollutants. I also have a chronic inflammatory pain condition which could be worsened by the extra pollutants and disturbance of the area, walking is paramount to my overall health and having Ellenbrook fields so close is essential to keeping active, as there are very little walkways in the local vicinity otherwise. This would make it very difficult for me to stay active. I would find this to have a detrimental impact on both my physical and mental health.

My mental health will massively suffer which is something I have issues with currently

I have breathing problems and the air pollution we would suffer from living next to a quarry would affect my health

Mental health issues

I suffer from anxiety and regular walks around Ellenbrook and not the busy Hatfield Road is important to my wellbeing and mental health

My mental health would be impacted

Asthmatic hayfever

Autism and learning difficulties of my son who uses the site with us as parents

Adverse impact on our mental health.

Air quality in the St Albans area including local schools would be affected

Asthmatic family. Myself and both my children. Allergies to dust.

Mental health

Asthma, dust allergy, anxiety.

My mental wellbeing will be highly impacted. I use the parkland for daily walks to clear my mind and help me relax being in peace in nature. It is very soothing.

asthma

My mental health and my asthma

I have a lung condition, we moved to the area to be out of the city center for cleaner air.

Can do short walks so important to have space nearby

Parkinson, local short walk needed

See above

I currently have a mobility issue. Any detritus or amended routes through the fields could affect this even more

I walk here for mental health gain and it is the best park around as it has loads of different aspects

This place provides an area where I can walk safely with friends

Not being able to walk on Ellenbrook fields would definitely impact on my physical and mental health.

Asthma we are prone to asthma attacks in our house and this would massively impact the risk.

This park land provide an escape and fresh air for anyone with or without mental health issues

Extra traffic and population will affect our health

Heart problems

I suffer from COPD , any dust will make life more difficult and will impact on my overall well being. I am a pensioner trying my best to keep fit and stay local n not use my car- this development will stop me walking locally

Increase in traffic in already congested area causing stress

While I do not have a disability myself, I am concerned that individuals with respiratory conditions, like asthma, may find the dust and pollution from the quarry exacerbates their symptoms. It could also impact those with sensory sensitivities due to the noise and vibrations.

The questionnaire does not allow for usage less frequently than once a week.

I don't drive have fibromyalgia & mental health problems. Being able to walk down the road to somewhere so beautiful is lovely.

This is one of the few walks that my husband can enjoy

Increased stress levels due to over development of the area

As mentioned above, I have asthma, and I have serious concerns about living so close to a quarry site and how this could make my symptoms worse. I work from home full time, and the green space is crucial to my mental health for breaks in the day that are as much for me as for walking my dog. Exercise and getting out in nature are key tools to maintain positive mental health.

My partner and myself are asthmatic, our 5 year old also uses an inhaler, our babies were born premature, they cannot live in a place that could be detrimental to their health and wellbeing.

My daughter has special needs and she enjoys the walk there. And due to ASD she doesn't like loud noises.

My son is allergic to dust

I walk my husband and children round the park every day my husband is in a wheelchair

Breathing problems

Im disabled and i love going over to the park very good for my mental health

Anxiety. I do not drive so this was my safe place. I cannot walk anywhere else so this will add to my anxiety about getting fresh air and ensuring my dog is fully exercised.

My partner has Asthma. My son has Asthma. We walk together.

Undergoing cancer treatment and any noise and pollution will be upsetting

It's too close to my child's school and nursery, my home and with the adverse impacts above increase in poor air quality - Offers poor biodiversity and is destructive of one of the only green open areas of this size

Severe asthma and bronchitis

I have Asthma

No other pleasant walks around Hatfield

I have a cardiac issue diagnosed as Atrial Fibrillation (resulting in having a Pacemaker implant) and COPD.

N/A

My 90 year old mother uses the park as her main outdoor activity using her mobility scooter. Limiting access would severely impact her quality of life. For those of us with small gardens or no garden, this is a valuable area for outdoor activity

APPENDIX H

Comments for Question 8 – Any concerns/objections or agreements for the quarry proposal

375 responses

This land was always promised to the people of Hatfield as a park and as such the agreement should stand. Keep it as a park.

N/A

N/a

Strongly object

No

See above

n/a

X

None

Previously mentioned flooding.

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I am a resident close to the proposed site entrance and will be very concerned for my 3 children's health, safety and wellbeing. Our quality of life would be completely ruined. The land in this area is an important part of our life and we use it regularly and would be devastated if this changed.

I'm very considered about the Bromite plum being released into the water supply as well as the silica dust which will be released into the atmosphere

We object the quarry due to various reasons above

As above. This application was denied on two occasions, and seems only to be progressing now because of the inability for the council to pursue an objection based on costs - not because the quarry application is now suitable to go ahead. This is so disappointing. We moved here 2 years ago, with Ellenbrook and the availability of green land, as well as the lack of air pollutions, key reasons. It is sad to be driven out so soon with this decision.

We OBJECT - for reasons below:- We feel it's important to protect the Green belt between Hatfield and Smallford. A quarry would lose the "openness" we now enjoy. We feel our health will be impacted by very fine silica dust and noise pollution close to us. We feel that any continuous quarrying should be avoided as we don't want to be without this public amenity. Hence, we OBJECT to this application.

I completely object to this application

I have a strong concern on having a quarry here.

Disagree with the application noting the areas above.

Ruining a beautiful area

See precious comments on appeal.

We purchased our property because of the area and having a quarry right next to our property will be really devastating.

I strongly object to this quarry being build. The land is our only source of green area and the impact would be extremely significant to us as residents

It is such a lovely place to walk and enjoy plants and wildlife. Would be devastating to lose this

The site is subject to what has already been called the largest bromate contamination in Europe, there is the real danger of further contamination spread leading to contamination of drinking water in Hertfordshire and London. For that reason alone and the potential for an environmental disaster the scale of which would seriously impact people's health for generations I really feel the risk far outweighs any perceived benefit.

Strong feelings regarding the bromate issue. I am not an expert myself so I would not be willing to speak to voice any concerns

The quarry plans compromise the current remediation of the bromate plume required by the 2008 Zoubkic inquiry

I strongly disagree approval of caption subject.

This site will only create added health problems (through pollution and loss of country park for recreational activities), increased traffic and additional flooding - who is going to pick up the responsibility for dealing with all of these? I cannot see any positives to this scheme other than Brett's pursuit of profit, which should clearly not be a planning criteria

Previous application said roads not suitable

This is a hugely used piece of land by members of the local community and to take this away would be awful for families in the area. Not to mention the health risks to people living locally who have respiratory conditions.

Our family all have respiratory issues (esp the 3 kids) and reason we move to Smallford/Lawrence Close is to help easing the situation. Having a quarry close by is something we last want.

I spend a minimum of 5 hours a week using the land for exercise. Without it, there is no easy to reach alternative. I live right next to the area so also have massive concerns about the pollution and impact it will have on my toddler as she is growing up.

The agreement to quarry is a retreat from Arc developments promise to honour it's S106 agreement from 2002. It is the only 'free' park in Hatfield. It will destroy wildlife habitat and is potentially dangerous. It is a also a wilful abuse of democracy and detrimental to the physical and mental health of local people.

It will destroy this conservation area, natural habitat for migrating birds, ancient woodland, Hatfield rd will not cope with increase in traffic between Hatfield and St Albans this is shocking

There are so many proposals for building development on our green spaces in St Albans..Bowmans Park, Boisy Close, Nicholas Breakspear. It is too much development on our green spaces quite apart from traffic and pollution.

We are surrounded by active and historic (and poorly restored) quarries. We do not deserve another .

I wholeheartedly object to destroying an area of important nature, beauty and something so integral to my mental health. A space to walk and see nature should not be destroyed.

bromate risk

I have lived in St Albans for 20+ years, moved to Smallford in 2022, because of the area, we chose the Radio Place development, because of what it offered, my ideal retirement spot, ruined for the next 30+ years let alone the risks and resulting issues

Concerned on how it will impact where we live the pollution noise wildlife

I live close to the site and the noise and dust that this will create is a worry. I won't be able to enjoy my own garden or have the windows open especially in the summer months. The proposed start times in the morning of 7am is also too early. Not everyone is up at the crack of dawn some have not long got home from work and need to sleep but won't be able to with the noise. Losing such a lovely area where you won't have the freedom to walk where you want or being able to let your dog run free and the habit of the wild life being destroyed is such a bad thing for the local community and the wildlife and the other people that use it. It's a peaceful haven for people who use it our bit of countryside on our doorstep.

Feel very strongly about providing spaces to preserve or improve UK biodiversity which is severely threatened currently.

It is one of the nicer places to connect with nature see the wildlife and boosts mental health wellbeing Building a quarry will have negative impacts on people's mental wellbeing and have a loss of wildlife

As someone who works unsociable hours I do not have the luxury of being able to sleep during the night. Having this quarry create a racket in the early hours of the morning when I am trying to sleep will significantly impact mine and other people's lives. As there are a lot of warehouses in the Hatfield business park area many people work night shifts and also live nearby to Ellenbrook fields so there are many of us with this concern.

Jove Gardens is a residential area built for families, we do not want a quarry on the doorstep

I strongly object to the quarry as this represents a further erosion and concretisation of the Green Belt and a giant extension of London.

We are very concerned that this designated open space will be destroyed by quarrying and the beautiful natural landscape will never recover for future generations

I feel very strongly about this. There is a gravel site close by with many lorries in and out, causing traffic issues. This one will be even closer, also causing noise/dust in the air which will adversely affect local houses

The quarry is a serious concern and the worry around planning permission, which has already been rejected multiple times, has had a negative impact on my mental health already. Losing

this site for recreational activity and the added pollution would not benefit any of the many different users of the site. It is an historic site which provides a natural habitat between urban areas and building such a polluting site directly next to housing seems incredibly risky

As mentioned, respiratory issue will be worsened by a 32 year quarry for sure. Putting any person health at risk is not a desire move.

The fact that this has been denied a number of times with great effort from lots of local people providing evidence and objection to these proposals over the last few years. To have the county council to now withdraw is objection is quite the kick in the teeth. It seems that if a company is willing to put enough money behind a course of action, eventually the council will capitulate due to lack of funds. This does not seem to be the democratic process we are constantly patting ourselves on the back for having in this country.

I object to the application since there is no continuous monitoring 24/7 mechanism for the adverse impacts from the quarrying activities and no guarantee that immediate remedial actions can be carried out to mitigate the risks.

Significant concerns with pollution to water, air and noise. Loss of animal habitats and space to breathe countryside air vs city.

Relaxation for the community

Hatfield will be blighted with too many HGV thundering through , with all the impact that will have on the people of Hatfield

Concerns about the quarry application are well documented, I have seen nothing to suggest that the area or community will benefit in any way within the term of the contract, a minimum of 32 years. A whole generation of residents will not be able to enjoy the park as it currently exists. Many park users do not see a quarry as a benefit to the community.

This is a historical site and the history of the British aerospace will be lost

This would be a huge loss to the local community & for local businesses that use the park . Also, the impact on the wildlife would be horrendous

Would be a big loss to the local community

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I use this space everyday as part of my job walking dogs, as well as many other people. I feel safe there. I will not walk there if a quarry is there to pose a potential danger to myself and the dogs that I walk.

We moved to this house because it overlooks green belt land. In searches, nothing was disclosed by the council about HCC plans to use the site for a quarry. I'll be dead by the time they finish

The whole thing is terrifying. I'm scared for my health, noise, never being able to sell my property. I moved here specifically because of the green space. We are losing wildlife, clean air, mental health stability and our right to enjoy our homes.

This is a beautiful area to walk/run and you see so much wildlife

Just because the council can't afford to put up a proper expert witness to object to these plans doesn't mean it should go ahead by default. I honestly despair at the way the world is going when pristine parkland is ravaged for short term profits.

The loss of the country park is unacceptable

I am strongly against the quarry, as my house back directly on to Ellenbrook

There are too many negatives to this application. We have fought against this application for years, Bretts have not bothered to engage with the residents and there is no reason to believe they care about us or our welfare, or that of the local wildlife. HCC have not withdrawn objections for financial reasons because they are in favour of the quarry. I was assured by all councillors at the election they were against the quarry. We were lied to, and our health is going to suffer.,

Ellenbrook is a beautiful green space used by so many people for multiple purposes. There is not another piece of land around that offers such an open space. It would be such a shame to lose access to Ellenbrook. Where do all the animals go that call this their home? It's just awful to even think about

The area just beyond Ellenbrook Fields has already been vastly quarried and this has resulted in large bromate contamination of the underlying water table. It has previously been evidenced that quarrying of the Ellenbrook site will greatly increase the risk of bromate contamination of the local water supply. The seriously high cancer risk to the local community this poses makes the Quarry plan totally unacceptable. Corporate greed should not come before people's health in the U.K. as it has done so many times before in the USA!

Loss of a great natural space

This area is used regularly by dog walkers runners cyclists, people walking for many reasons. Also university students carry out projects and well deserved breaks here.

I object to the whole proposal. It has been objected to for the last 10yrs by local community, why are you not listening to what the people need? the wildlife needs? the community needs?

We don't need another quarry!

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This area should not even be considered for a quarry.

I feel strongly that the new quarry will have a detrimental impact on the local people, community and wildlife. There are already significant quarry operations in the local area.

The benefits for mental Health this space gives to our whole family. I was most parts of the site each day around 8km per day

This is one of few green spaces left in this area for walking the dog

This is a nice area to walk currently and it will not be with a quarry

I am completely opposed to this quarry, it is totally infringing everyone who uses these lovely fields for their personal family pet welfare and general well being

I'm using this park at least twice a day, it's a safe heaven for human and dogs, so please save this park

We already have a quarry at the North end of Smallford and the cumulative effects of this and a new quarry from HGVs on the same roads, fine dust and noise will be intolerable to the many residents adjacent to the proposed quarry.

Stupid idea

Worried about loss of Green belt and associated flora and fauna

This is the only place to enjoy a daily walk in Hatfield in a safe space. I walk there twice a day with the dogs as do many others.

The roads are very unsuitable for more traffic and heavy goods. There are not many open spaces to walk freely with dogs, the country side must be preserved

Objection

Totally out of order

It is a great location used by many dog walkers. Would be a huge loss and a real shame. We need to fight to keep spaces like this in our local areas.

Loss of lovely land to walk my dog on and run on

There is a historical element that needs to be preserved

The impact this will have on my day to day life, physically and mentally

Detrimental to the local area

I object to the development, green space should be protected at all costs

Na

This is an open space and should be left that way for residents to use

No more houses

There has been enough development in the local area

Ellenbrook should never be used as a Quarry

It would be devastating to lose this natural environment

"The area is one of the few remaining green spaces between Smallford and Hatfield. Losing it to a quarry would not only limit community access to nature but also pose serious health risks due to potential bromate exposure and increased air pollution.

Hatfield Road and Oaklands Lane are already heavily trafficked, and the additional lorry traffic from the quarry would significantly worsen the situation for residents.

The possibility of expanding the existing CEMEX quarry, alongside the new proposed quarry, is both unjust and poses further health risks to the community."

There are few positives for locals in relation to mining of the site

Do not agree with more gravel pits and all disruption it entails

I'm really upset and concerned

None

See above

I find it disgusting that it is legal to continue to apply and be rejected and waste council money fighting it repeatedly. It's attrition and it is unacceptable

This is a very important and well used area for walking

Risk to public safety and the environment is too highly

I feel this time as Herts County Council are not represented the outcome will result in the application being granted

This is a beautiful place I walk in regularly for my mental well being.

This would be a great detrimental impact to the local area and users of this beautiful space

Loss is green belt land. Noise and pollution. No longer able to take walks and use the space for my mental health.

Strongly object

"As a resident who will be impacted by the presence of a quarry, through noise, dust, extra heavy traffic on a road that is a bus route and already has long rush hour queues and the worry of cancer inducing chemicals in our drinking water. I feel most strongly that this is a case of money being prioritised over health and nature. As an older person my daily walk in Ellenbrook Fields is my health tonic; peace and quiet and the presence of trees, open space and so many of Nature's creatures helps to maintain my mental health and keeps me away from needing the doctor.

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Reasons provided above

Loss of park/recreational space for walking, running, dog walking

strongly object

I feel very strongly this proposal would be detrimental to St Albans, its green belt, and its parkland

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Good evening all

I hope I have the correct emails here to write my objection for the plans for Brett aggregates to build a quarry just a few hundred yards from my house in Smallford.

I've just returned from a lovely evening walk where I was joined by many others out walking, dog walking, running and enjoying the fresh air around our beautiful green belt between Hatfield and Smallford. To lose this green belt where so many enjoy this space from the local area is one of my main reasons for objection.

As I'm so close to where this quarry would be built I'm extremely worried about the noise and dust pollution that will come this, it will change my life and many others in the community. We already have another quarry close by and when the wind is blowing in this direction I can hear the plant from this site, this is a lot further away from where Brett aggregates will build so I know this will be a disaster if it goes ahead. I will most likely have to look to try and sell my house and move away from the area.

The groundwater issue with the bromate I'm staggered that with this pollution possible it has even got this far, how on earth could anyone take this risk with what we know.

The wildlife in the area will disappear, I often see many animals when I'm out walking, this summer I saw barn owl, it was amazing to see.

All locals in the area have had zero communication from Brett, they don't care about us at all, all they want to do is make money and in the process do not care about ruining our lives.

I really hope that next week when the decision is made our community is listened to correctly and Brett Aggregates go away, I however have very little faith these days and I'm sure the wrong decision will be made and this quarry will go ahead.

I will miss my evening walks like this below.

It will be a very sad day. "

We are running out of green space.

It will affect walkers

This is the most absurd use of countryside and can not be allowed to go ahead. It is vandalism of nature for greed & profit.

It is also extremely close to a garden centre and new housing development.

There is not enough green space in Hatfield

I object on all grounds and cannot find anything to agree with

I feel very angry about the proposal

I am insensed that this is still going on after being rejected last year. The 106 needs to be signed. It is far to close to residential homes and why should we put up with the danger of the Lorries on the Hatfield Road.

Ellenbrook fields is a great addition to the local area for physical and mental wellbeing. The open space for being part of nature, relaxation and exploration is of great benefit. This would be destroyed by industrial work there the noise, pollution and general disturbance to nature. The area already has high traffic and this will also be increased to the detriment of the local area, nature and residents.

"The residents have fought against this application for over 10 years, in that time Bretts have failed to engage with the residents or community despite numerous opportunities to do so. This does not engender confidence in Bretts in the future.

Also, please bear in mind that HCC have withdrawn their objections for financial reasons NOT because they are in favour of the quarry."

We have objected on a number of occasions and will continue to do so. This is not a good development and will materially impact negatively on the area.

I do not think this land should be approved to quarry. It's vital for the local community

"I strongly object against this quarry for many reasons which are highlighted above but to reiterate it will hugely impact on my mental health which hugely upsets me not only that but it will affect my life living nearby due to more traffic and pollution

I am distressed at the idea this will affect so many people in the public due to the loss of such a great open green park "

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I've just returned from a lovely evening walk where I was joined by many others out walking, dog walking, running and enjoying the fresh air around our beautiful green belt between Hatfield and Smallford. To lose this green belt where so many enjoy this space from the local area is one of my main reasons for objection.

As I'm so close to where this quarry would be built I'm extremely worried about the noise and dust pollution that will come this, it will change my life and many others in the community. We already have another quarry close by and when the wind is blowing in this direction I can hear the plant from this site, this it a lot further away from where Brett aggregates will build so I know this will be a disaster if it got the go ahead. I will most likely have to look to try and sell my house and move away from the area.

The groundwater issue with the bromate I'm staggered that with this pollution possible it has even got this far, how on earth could anyone take this risk with what we know.

The wildlife in the area will disappear, i often see many animal when I'm out walking, this summer I saw barn owl, it was amazing to see.

All locals in the area have had zero communication from Brett, they don't care about us at all, all they want to do is make money and in the process do not care about ruining our lives.

I really hope that next week when the decision is made our community is listen too correctly and Brett Aggregates go away, I however have very little faith these days and I'm sure the wrong decision will be made and this quarry will go ahead.

I will miss my evening walks like this below.

It will be a very sad day.

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Devastated that this quarry will finally be going ahead, it been looking over all of us who live in the area for many years now

Simply cannot believe this quarry will be allowed to go ahead destroying all of the local residents life, I use this daily and the amount of people who I see on my walks is staggering, I can't believe that anyone could simply take this away from us all but the way of this messed up world where nothing is done to look after people like us anymore it's shameful.

Very strong feelings about loss of green space

Green belt cannot continue to be taken from us. Everyone needs spaces like this to reduce stress and for exercise.

"I am a resident of Smallford and my address is 4 Lawrence Close, Smallford AL40JB

I understand there is an appeal for planning from Brett Aggregate and I would like to object to this planning being approved for details I will highlight below.

I moved to Smallford in March 2022 and purchased a new home at Radio Place. I visit Ellenbrook Fields on a daily basis – sometimes multiple times per day. I work from home and have a stressful job, the health and mind benefits of a brisk walk are huge in my opinion, I go for a walk at 7.30am each day to exercise, take in fresh air and clear my head – in the event I do not walk I feel noticeably more anxious and stressed by mid-day – so much so I will walk on my lunch break. I also see the same familiar faces on my daily walks, whether they are dog walkers, or like me fellow walkers.

I feel that in this day where mental health and wellbeing are highlighted more so than any other time, the benefits of exercise, fresh air and general wellbeing is immeasurable and Ellenbrook Fields offer this in abundance for the residents of Smallford and the wider St Albans and Hatfield communities and by quarrying this land will have a huge impact on the wellbeing of many people.

In addition to the above I feel there will be a huge impact on the surrounding areas, the roads around Smallford are already incredibly congested – an issue in St Albans as a whole and ironically without the Ellenbrook Fields, these will be the roads I would be forced to walk each day – to go from the solace of the fields to the busy, noisy and polluted roads – I expect there would be an increase in HGV if this quarry is approved. There is also a significant issue with flooding on Oaklands Land and Hatfield Road – again an increase in HGV will impact this further. With medium rain we experience flash floods on a regular basis

I also reference the increase in pollution and the health risks around the underground toxic plume that originates from Sandridge. I hope the impact of this is clearly assessed and the impact to health is considered.

In summary, I think the loss of another green belt area would be disastrous, this isn't something that can be reversed and I understand this will be for at least 30 years, not only will this affect me but also my children and hopefully my children are blessed with their own children within this time. Not to mention the potential risk of the pollution and plume that could be disturbed further by digging on the Ellenbrook site

I sincerely hope that planning is rejected for Ellenbrook Fields"

We strongly disagree with the Brett application and as stated above we did move here on the bases that we have a green belt and nice recreational park use daily. Clean air and noise will dramatically increase and will cause detrimental damage to our quality of air and quality of life that we originally thought this area was all about. The fauna is amazing and mental health better as a result of having this natural green oasis which resulted in meeting neighbours and spending quality time outdoors just across the road from our home. The traffic is already pretty bad daily and we don't even want to imagine the noise and pollution that will be added to the already extra busy road we live on. Our road, St Albans Road West is already too busy as it is and having 30+ years of added noise and quarry will make our last 30 years of living hell. Please stop the interest of the Brett company for the benefits of the residents. STOP STOP STOP

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My dog walker walks there on a daily / weekly basis

I recognise that there is an obligation to provide the materials from this quarry. However, the local infrastructure has not been designed to cope with the resultant traffic movements. Furthermore, the loss of a valuable Green Belt open space will lead to a coalescence of two

major urban conurbations, to the detriment of both. This quarry should not be allowed to happen.

n/a

This is a beautiful habitat and much loved by dog walkers

I will not be able to operate my business and will lose all income

N/a

I walk there everyday, like lots of other people do.

Previously mentioned flooding.

One of the most beautiful and quiet places to walk, do not take this away!

"Traffic and the road condition is already bad in this area. A lot of flooding around the site. It will get worse and increase more chance to repair. During repair, traffic will develop. It is a loop situation. Unless, the source of problem eliminates which is reducing the regular HGVs.

Dust in this area is a serious issue, even I closed all the windows, table still has layer of fine dust on top even after a day I clean.

Hopefully Our government can take concern our health, not only on company business "

This is one of the last remaining green open land we have left in Hatfield as all other areas have been/are being built on. This place is good for my mental health as it allows me to get fresh air and clears my mind on a daily basis. Hatfield now has very few open green land to walk on. Unfortunately it has become the 'new London' with over pollution and every bit of green space being built on!!

I find it very upsetting and disappointing that this is even being considered. The impact on local wellbeing both mentally and physically will be so significant, not to mention the economic impact of reducing house prices, changing the face of the local area.

There starting become less places to walk dogs as more land is being taken over by houses or quarry. It's a lovely place and don't want it to be ruined.

Nature is precious

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We already have too many lorries turning out of Cemex onto Oaklands Lane. It is already dirty and dusty. This will increase 100fold if this goes ahead.

It's a valuable resource for people and nature that a quarry would spoil

Dog walking is my job...which will be very badly impacted

There are limited green spaces in the St Albans area already and now we are looking at limiting it further, and for gravel of all things.

Strong objections

Why do we need another quarry. We have them everywhere. The nature and wildlife will be destroyed, all for gravel!!

Leave green belt land alone.

It's about the only beautiful wide open space away from traffic and noise left in Hatfield. Why destroy it? It is just greed.

See options indicated in questionnaire

N/a

Loss of green area is extremely bad for both physical and mental health

N.a

This is where we walk every day and not sure what we'll do if this goes. It is pretty much the last suitable place left to walk dogs in hatfield.

Just do the right thing for goodness sake or forever feel guilt

Land used for recreation and dog walkers

Think this is outrageous. Hatfield doesnt have a lot of areas to walk safely and this will be taken away because of the quarry.

32 years is far to long for a quarry will there be a reservoir at the end as the quarry will be very deep what about the water table

Will impact my mental health

It is a beautiful, tranquil place to walk and absorb nature. It would be such a loss if it were not there in its current form. It's a jewel of a place.

There aren't many places to walk in the area and this one is used often.

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To loose the site or even parts off the site for generations is hard to understand. The site is used by our family every day for health and wellbeing reasons and any impact on this will have a negative impact on us. I don't understand why the person with the largest purse should be the only person who can fight for this ie Brett. Its about right vs wrong not money and being scared of being sued.

As outlined above I object the application

Overwhelming evidence has been presented as to why this proposal should not go ahead

Every bit of green belt land is being used in this area, there will be no green land to walk and enjoy at this rate

Dont agree

Lose of green space for walking

"This is utterly detrimental

To the area "

I object on multiple grounds but the primary one is the loss of recreational land which I value hugely in an area where we don't have significant areas of green space. I regularly walk around Ellenbrook fields, I love that each time I go I seem to discover a new nook I've never seen before. I love seeing the change in the scenery and wildlife through the seasons and I benefit from exercise and improvement in my mental wellbeing. It would be such a loss to the local community for this development to go ahead when there are brownfield sites that could be considered. Why do we need to lose such a valued local recreational area?!

Just no

It is an important tract of land for wildlife and a popular leisure resource in the area. People need precious green space to relax in.

This land supports a large and diverse wildlife which would be decimated by this proposed development. It would not recover even if the quarry is subsequently landscaped.

This is my favourite place to walk the dog, full of wide open spaces, woodland and nature. It would be a travesty for the local area to see this so heavily compromised.

This green space is a hub of nature and still maintains a 'wild' feel despite being very accessible. It is frequented by nature lovers, and I often bump into bird watchers looking to get a sight of interesting birds like the cuckoo. I have had more close nature encounters here than anywhere else, watching a fox from mere metres away or watching deer walking through the woods. It would be a tragic loss to the already devastated wildlife of our city to lose this diverse space. I believe it should be protected by the council and made a park so that it can be enjoyed for generations to come and continue to serve as an habitat for many species, and an escape for people.

Business will be impacted

A severe impact on the local roads with huge amount of lorry movements a day. At present the Oakland's Lane quarry causes road surface to be constantly damaged and potholes causing damage to local car users.

Safety of a lady who runs

This has been an area for Park Runs on Sundays when hundreds got good sociable exercise. The quarry problem caused them to stop. We want them back.

Loss of this beautiful green space would be awful

I actually can't believe putting a quarry here is even being considered! What a loss to wildlife and damage of a beautiful park that dogs and families use regularly to access outdoor activities

Very concerned for the loss

No-one wants this so why have the council withdrawn their objections?

It's been a place of mental health and fitness for me for 18 years I've lived here.

This would be so detrimental not just to me but to the whole neighbourhood. It's bad for health. Wildlife. Community and the whole area.

I am absolutely against this 100%. We are being let down as a community

Herts County council have let the people down

N/a

It's a lovely area , lots off dog walkers and family go there for walks

Safety concerns for users

This is a big loss for st albans and will take away a lot of land that is very important to people and their families

"I object, I have objected before and will continue to do so. I find it truly ridiculous that we have to keep objecting to this quarry proposal year after year, they should not be allowed to keep reapplying!

WE DO NOT WANT IT HERE!

The nature reserve is a wonderful place for getting away from busy urban life, exploring, enjoying and discovering nature, socialising and excersizing.

The roads are a mess already and adding all the extra lorries is a terrible idea.

The noise from them and the quarry will disturb this peaceful end of town.

The pollution will be harmful to residents and there is a primary school nearby so hundreds of children could be effected every year for 32 years!

The risk of a Bromate plume into our drinking walking and surrounding ground water should be sufficient to end any thought of a quarry!

Smallford already blends seamlessly into St Albans, do we want to blend into this aswell? Greenbelt land is there for a reason and is not only necessary to prevent urban sprawl but help absorb CO2, help prevent flooding and are a rich source of biodiversity, which is drastically in decline.

I am absolutely disgusted that yet again we are having to fight this! It clearly is not a good idea and has been rejected previously, no matter how they change their proposals, it is not a safe or logical proposition for this area.

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It is an amazing space

Shame on HCC for withdrawing on this. And shame on the vultures who are trying so hard to grab this land. Not everything is about money! St Albans will not be what it is known for if these companies have their way!

I am extremely disappointed and anxious about this proposal. I will constantly feel like my health is at risk, I won't have an accessible space for my dog to run around freely each morning and my mental health may be impacted by the change too.

It is an important open space for women and children to safely exercise.

Detrimental to local community

It would be a big risk to create a quarry in this area leaving a lasting, negative impact on the local community.

"Why can't the quarry be sited away from
a densely populated area?"

I am concerned that we have been let down by our council who fought so strongly to support the residents over the years clearly this now looks as though the council have somehow benefitted in giving up the fight? The residents have now been left to fight this alone and I feel this is nothing more than an utter disgrace

As commented above.

Too much noise / traffic

Very disgusted STA District council are not fighting this further. The running prior to this needs to be upheld.

No other nearby walking space

Strongly against quarry

Can't see any good reason for the quarry to expand, especially if it comes at the cost of more precious green belt.

I am vehemently opposed

I am concerned about the increased noise level, I spend a lot of time in my garden and even now there is some noise from the quarry

Leave residents from spaces to walk and enjoy our heritage

I object as it is a safe traffic free area for me to run and cycle with my kids

It's a horrible thing to do

We would be forced to move home if this goes ahead. We have lived here for over 21 years

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I feel very strongly about the quarry taking over Ellenbrook Fields. This was gifted to the community and HCC are failing in their duty by not fighting for it. It is a massive part of our community and was meant for our enjoyment. Not only will the quarry destroy a natural beauty but the health and environmental effects could be catastrophic. It may be clichéd but we have all heard of Erin Brockovich and that is exactly what we and the wider community could be facing if the quarry wins.

I feel VERY strongly to object this. Why let people with money win when they don't care about a healthy green space for loads of people that use it Daily. Everyone I see here and speak to say it is just the best green space around for miles. It is just disappointing that after fighting for so many years about this it has once again come down to money. Don't let them win!!! We need green spaces for the environment and all the animals that live there.

This is bad for the environment, physical and mental health

I am completely opposed to this development. It's totally inappropriate for the area, which is mainly residential. I use the road nearly every week to access Hatfield and the A1. Many people use it to commute to work and school/university. It will have a significant adverse impact on

enjoyment of local amenities and travel between St Albans/Hatfield and it will greatly increase air and water pollution. It is a health hazard.

The use of road will cause many traffic problems including damage of road surface with the heavy vehicles

The use of Ellenbrook fields is extremely important to me and my well being. I work from home and using the area enables me to exercise and break away from work. It improves my mental well being as well as my physical health.

If the quarry application gets granted, I would seriously consider moving away from the area

Traffic congestion is already a concern and these proposals will significantly exacerbate the problem.

I feel strongly about the destruction of natural habitat and in this case the potential for pollution to our water supply. It will not benefit the area just impoverish it. I think the application should be rejected because the strength of these concerns

Strongly object for all six reasons stated earlier

As my previous comments state. I use the old airfield to run, walk, cycle. I do this alone and with my family. I have enjoyed discovering the rich history of the area. I have enjoyed discovering the diverse nature and fantastic sunsets afforded by a large unbroken landscape. I have enjoyed sharing the land with livestock and the ability to teach the children the importance of it all.

Aside to the loss of all that it seems utter madness to carve this up and lose it for generations. It seems madness to even contemplate a quarry so close to a built up area and bring a whole host of problems such as pollution both air quality, noise, traffic. Potentially it could create bromate pollution and a host of other unforeseen problems which given its proximity to built up areas will all be too late to mitigate. I am also furious that Brett are using the standard corporate method of running a local government down for only their profit

I will be present on 19th November. This is the least I can do

Strongly disagree with the quarry and spoiling of a well loved and used parkland

"The Ellenbrook field is the place I like to relax and is right at my door step. I am worried if the quarry will be allowed I will end up with noise and pollution exactly next to my house. This will impact on my physical and mental health. Quarry will decrease the value of the properties round the site. The quarry will be very close to the Hertfordshire University playing grounds.

On Ellenbrook fields are organised very often running or walking competitions for charities. "

"This quarry could have a massive impact and could possibly cause poor health to me and my family, we have allergies to dust already as well as seasonal asthma resulting in asthma attacks.

This quarry you want to build can definitely be built elsewhere and nowhere near people! Why would you want to ruin so many residents' lives including house decreases/poor health and taking away nature walks and Hatfield history. We will protect and protest against this monster you want to build. "

I am a resident close to the proposed site entrance and will be very concerned for my 3 children's health, safety and wellbeing. Our quality of life would be completely ruined. The land

in this area is an important part of our life and we use it regularly and would be devastated if this changed.

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I object as this will impact our houses

"As a daily user of the space I regularly see wildlife some of which should be legally protected.

Removal of the space means using my car to go elsewhere to walk increasing pollution.

A 32 year wait to restore the park means I'd likely never use it again.

Contaminates/pollution created cause me concern

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In addition to what I've answered in the questionnaire: we are continuously told about climate change and the human impact on the planet, if we wish to save the planet then it is only right and proper to save our little part of it, if this development goes ahead then those pushing for it are guilty of what can only be described as ecological terrorism

Heath will be affected and there will be noise pollution

I object to the loss of an important non-agricultural habitat.

I feel very strongly about the potential loss of Ellenbrook fields. It will impact strongly on local life.

Capacity of roads, pollution of roads, feeling of rural community

Biodiversity needs protection and people need somewhere close to nature to relax. Plus the Country Park that was promised never materialised

No evidence

I feel that Brett have not addressed any of the concerns of the local residents who will be most affected by the quarry. They have just piled legal and financial pressure on the local councils until they cannot object any more.

This area is a lovely place to exercise and engage with nature. It also has an important historical significance which might also be lost.

We have lived on Hatfield Road for 17 years the Ellenbrook area is a vital local asset and we also have concerns about increasing HGV traffic on a busy school route for Beaumont fleetville Nicholas Breakspear and Oakwood schools

When I bought a house on the airfield, about 16 years ago, we were told that the country park was to stay that way - it's a fabulous resource. It's an insane place to put a quarry, with dust, dirt and noise affecting residents and creating traffic. Save the green belt!

The time period of 32 years seems excessive, even if based on the amount of assumed material in the location that might be extracted over that time. There is an existing gravel extraction site

nearby too, so a second seems strange to allow and unwarranted in terms of alternative sources further afield, especially given the site's importance in the green belt and separating Hatfield from St Albans' boundary.

Health concerns re pollution and increase traffic along an already congested road

The park is a great place for nature. It's somewhere we go as a family to boost our well being. We've used the park for 20 years and love it. We've met friends and made friends walking around it. There's protected species in the ponds and a lot of interesting wildlife. It's used by so many people.

This can not be allowed to happen for all the reasons already shown.

I strongly agree with all the objections. Free outdoor space is very important for all to enjoy.

I like going there as it's the only park close to home

I strongly object to the quarry proposal due to the potential environmental degradation, including harm to local wildlife, noise pollution, and increased traffic. The disruption to the peace and tranquility of the country park, which is vital for mental well-being, would be significant. Additionally, dust and air pollution could impact public health, especially for vulnerable groups.

Ellen brook is such a lovely place to walk and this will be taken away if the quarry is there.

Big impact to climate, traffic, noise, wildlife and green belt land. Not to mention the lack of infrastructure to support around it i.e. roads, drains, services etc.,

Object as it will ruin the community and nature and will create more pollution

While there is a lack of a local plan for St Albans at present, I do not see how the quarry application could possibly work alongside the proposals for housing in the area that are included in the draft local plan. The loss of the community park would be disastrous on so many levels - as previously stated in this survey.

I believe this will have a detrimental effect of the wildlife in the area. The barn owl boxes that we have on the site I am sure will be effected.

The 32 year timescale is optimistic, as there is likely to be more time afterwards "remediating" the site, especially if this includes using landfill in the landscaping

The rebate so many areas of the NPPF that this does not comply with, it should not be allowed to proceed. Notwithstanding that there is not an appropriate buffer for residents and the area exceeds the mineral plan. I also think that if Brett get permission, they will submit another application for the concrete batching plant to be included. I spoke to Brett about the application and was told that it will be the only quarry without a batching plant. I was also told by the e person. I spoke to, that he couldn't understand why people moved near quarries and then complained about them - unbelievable!

I strongly object. My dog and I very much enjoy this area and the thought of cancer causing chemicals is terrifying.

Im not sure

"I strongly feel that this is such a bad site for a quarry on so many levels. This will be absolutely devastating for the local area.

It is right on top of a tightly populated residential area that is already exposed to heavy HGV traffic on the A1057 and noise and pollution from the A414 and white noise and pollution from the A1.

The dust pollution from silica dust has been shown to be carcinogenic. It cannot be reasonable to create this quarry in the middle of such a populated residential area and near schools. This is potentially a life sentence of ill health (physically and mentally) for so many residents. The mental stress of living next to a busy quarry and physical stress of silica dust and HGV diesel pollution and noise pollution should not be underestimated.

It is THE ONLY area of free green space where you can walk and view wildlife in this area of Hatfield, please do not take this calm and beautiful haven away from us! It is essential to the locality and has been the catalyst of so many new friendships for residents in the area.

It will take away our only area of green belt and biodiversity between Hatfield and St Albans which is currently walking distance for so many local residents.

It is not an appropriate area for all the reasons listed in this questionnaire.

The consequences of breaching the Bromate plume should NOT be underestimated. Why take such a risk, it does not make sense?!

It will literally ruin thousands of lives when this is something that does not need to happen here. This is not an appropriate site. This is not a case of nimbyism, there is already a massive quarry next door to this site, please don't add to this, it doesn't make sense on so many levels.

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You are not only affecting the current but also access of the next generations

My big concern is the Risk of Bromate (a carcinogen - cancer causing compound) entering water supply as plume exists at site and the loss of green belt. The risk and the loss is too big for comfort.

Health issues that this will cause

The increase in traffic and noise will be unbearable!!!

If the appeal were to go through I think the Inspector should at the very least walk the site particularly taking note of the proposed access off the A1057 which is dangerous and the road cannot cope with the intended extra 300 lorries per day.

This will remove the green belt area and increase the traffic and pollution

Noise and pollution worry my health issues

I am very concerned by this application. This place is very important to me and my life. I am sure it is very important to many other people as well. We cannot keep sacrificing nature for the extraction of resources. I strongly oppose the application.

Concerned about loss of habitat for wildlife. And duration of quarrying, 32 years, which is for the rest of my lifetime.

I have serious concerns regarding the health implication of living so close to an active quarry site. There are serious concerns regarding the risk of bromate—a known carcinogen—contaminating the water supply in the area. Given that a plume of this substance exists at the site, the potential for it to leach into the groundwater poses a significant threat to public health. Additionally, the loss of a site that benefits the physical and mental health of the local community cannot be overlooked. Given the prevalence of mental health conditions and the lack of availability of services, outdoor exercise can be extremely impactful in managing mental health. There is a growing prevalence of chronic conditions, and this quarry risks releasing a known carcinogen into the water supply. Preventative health care measures, such as physical exercise, are particularly important in the backdrop of chronic conditions and a stretched NHS service.

Previously mentioned flooding.

I strongly object to any further quarrying on this site for all of the above reasons.

I object this because the quarry if built will cause adverse effect in our lives, noise pollution, lots of traffic etc, the green belt has been serving as a recreational area for many of us and we would like for it to remain so.

Having the park lets locals exercise and escape from pollution. By having quarry there will cause mental illness and it will cause strain on already overstretched NHS.

We should have as many as possible green lands around us, without them there will be more and more pollution and a lot of diseases that will affect us.

Too much green belt is being used all over the country at an alarming rate to build on, open green spaces are great for people's mental health and kids to play and ride bikes etc nature needs green belt to be able to live. Can't already built on disused areas be utilised instead. It makes more sense.

There are more and more housing projects planned around Hatfield which are placing a strain on services such as Doctors, Dentists and Hospitals, I feel the loss of green belt space that we use every day would be the final straw. There is already limited space around Hatfield and parking is already a problem, to remove Ellenbrook and turn it into a quarry would mean we would have nowhere safe nearby to walk our dogs and we would be forced to move out of the area. We also have children that play in and around Ellenbrook, I would fear for their safety if a quarry was on site...

"This site, part of the Green Belt, serves as a vital green space for the local community, offering recreational and environmental benefits that are essential for the well-being of residents.

Firstly, the loss of this green belt area would be detrimental to both the environment and the community. The Ellenbrook Country Park is one of the last remaining natural green spaces in our area, providing a peaceful environment for residents to enjoy. It is a sanctuary for wildlife and contributes significantly to the biodiversity of the region. Losing it to quarrying activities would strip the community of these important benefits, which are irreplaceable.

Furthermore, I am particularly concerned about the health implications associated with the quarry, especially regarding the impact of silica dust. Silica dust is known to be harmful, and exposure could significantly worsen the quality of life for vulnerable individuals, particularly elderly residents and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma. The presence of a quarry so close to residential areas poses an unacceptable health risk and could lead to long-term health consequences for many."

Health implications for the residents, unknown conditions that could come from this. Which I'm years down the line we will be suing these companies for.

"This quarry should not go ahead there is also water lines that could be affected I, there are far too many people that are being put at risk of the residents that live here, a school, the university. It's not a place for a quarry it's a residential area and too many people live here. Children shouldn't have to grow up with an abundance of traffic from vehicles that produce pollution into the air and then have to contend with the pollution the quarry will kick up, it's not needed in this area.

My 5 year old daughter has just started reception at the local school Howe Dell, I don't want her playing in the playground if the wind is picking and to get a face full of dust from the potential digging from the quarry who knows what could be in there, my daughter's health is a priority and all children that live on this estate and attend the school should be considered when this quarry is being looked at being given the go ahead.

Whose to say from 1-32 years time children, staff that attend that school or people and their children who live on the estate all start becoming chronically ill and the only thing that has happened or happened is the quarry was green lighted, what then what will people be able to do? House prices fall for people that are fortunate to own their homes? No one is going to want to buy a property where a quarry is, the constant noise pollution the constant pollution from the quarry and the vehicles coming and going everyday for 32 YEARS. This area is not the place for the constant upheaval of everyday life. We do not want this going ahead. "

"We are opposing the quarry because:

1. Noise and Dust Pollution: Quarries generate significant noise from machinery and blasting activities, which can disrupt daily life. Dust from the quarry can also affect air quality, leading to respiratory issues.

2. Health Risks: Dust from quarries often contains silica, which can cause serious health problems, including lung disease, if inhaled over long periods.
3. Environmental Impact: Quarries can destroy local habitats, reduce biodiversity, and lead to soil erosion and water pollution.
4. Traffic and Safety Concerns: Increased traffic from heavy trucks can lead to congestion and pose safety risks for pedestrians and local drivers.
5. Property Values: The presence of a quarry can lower property values in the surrounding area due to the associated noise, dust, and visual impact.
6. Quality of Life: The overall quality of life can be negatively impacted by the constant noise, dust, and potential health risks."

There is a reason why there are no quarries close to living area.

I strongly object

We love our nature reserve. we see so much wildlife frogs foxes birds kites seen a few grass snakes slowworms . Why should we lose this and the impact to the future of our children and wildlife.

As mentioned before, we as family chosen to move away from city to get fresh air, and silence. This will ruin our lifestyle.

It is a beautiful area and it would be a shame to spoil it.

Please consider the area of natural beauty

The plan for the quarry affects the noise, pollution and traffic levels. We already have the business park traffic and lots of HGV's. Our road network is not set up to accomodate the quarry and the affect on local educational establishments is my primary concern.

NA

This will quite simply ruin one of the few pleasures I have in daily life. I cannot drive somewhere to walk my dog off lead, so now with she will be subjected to lead walks around the local area or within the quarry as I doubt there will be safe open space left. There is enough traffic on this road too, without all the added lorries and trucks. The noise will be unpleasant too.

"Extreme concern about the impact that this will have. It will take away the natural beauty of the place and put health and well being of residents and their families at risk.

Not only because the green area will no longer be accessible but also because what they are planning to replace it with is toxic and damaging to health"

"Since my breakdown last year this space has been invaluable in helping with my recovery, physically and with mental well-being, anxiety management. Open spaces like this are seen as a waste by corporate entities and the value of them seen secondary to a development of some description.

large companies like this will push the boundaries of any agreement and cut costs where possible as that is hardwired into the operations. They will do what they want and pay fines or just ignore in the pursuit of profits for shareholders and fat cat bonuses. All you have to do is

look into the past operations, investing and supporting the local communities surrounding this development will simply not be on their agenda."

Concerns as above, we use Ellenbrook fields often as a family. Would hate to have a quarry there

Much worried about green area

Do not want the Quarry and to keep the site as is for recreational use. It's good for Hatfield Community.

We need a the park there for local residents wellbeing. We need the country park

I strongly object to the proposed quarry development due to its potential negative impact on the local environment and community. The extraction activities would disrupt the natural habitat, endangering local wildlife and degrading the landscape that many residents cherish for recreational purposes. Additionally, the increased traffic from heavy machinery and transportation of materials would pose safety risks on nearby roads and contribute to air and noise pollution, significantly affecting the quality of life for local residents. Evidence from similar projects shows that such developments often lead to long-term ecological damage and community discontent, which is why I urge decision-makers to reconsider this application in favor of preserving our natural spaces for future generations.

I strongly object to the proposed quarry due to its potential environmental impact and disruption to the local community. The area is home to diverse wildlife, and the excavation activities could lead to habitat destruction and increased pollution. Additionally, the noise and traffic generated by the quarry operations would negatively affect the quality of life for nearby residents. I believe that alternative solutions should be explored that prioritize both economic development and environmental preservation. It is crucial to consider the long-term consequences of such a project on our community and natural surroundings.

N/A

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Noise,dust, environmental pollution and harm to human health

Loss of country park for locals to use for walking, socialising and wild life. We don't want increase of traffic and noise pollution

Strongly disagree. With so many areas being built on, this area is full of wildlife and fauna which will be destroyed by more human impact

Large Lorrie's using Oaklands Lane are dangerous, children cannot cycle to school in Marshalswick safely

I take my child there, we spent a lot of time there during summer holidays. It'll be a great shame to lose it to a quarry

"As a parents to two children we regularly use Ellenbrook fields. Access to this space is important for us to exercise but also from a recreational perspective. I am very concerned about the risks we would face in relation to the Bromite. I also am worried about the increased traffic to the area. We live on the main road and already the volume of HGVs means we are

unable to have our windows open due to noise. This is a problem that would be made worse by further quarry traffic.

I have significant concerns about this quarry and the impact it would have on my family. "

It scares me, we have just brought our home and I don't want this on my doorstep

I feel very strongly this should not happen

Strongly do not want this

Green belt is essential for healthy living and mental health as is being able to commute on the surrounding roads. This area should not turn into a metropolitan area.

Health and Safety

there are a lot of young families in the area, children playing and growing up in the area. this would drastically reduce our quality of life, there is an increased risk of associated lung conditions for people living in the area

Objection level 10,

If the bromate is disturbed and gets into the water system this will be a catastrophic disaster to the health of so many people. This has been blocked from happening so many times because of this reason.

Loss of green belt and failure to honour commitments historically to form a country park.

None

This site is immediately adjacent to another extensive quarrying site which has taken land out of public amenity use for 30 years and will continue to do so. It is not acceptable to remove so much public amenity land in one small area of the county for such a very long time.

A quarry proposal has been going on in our town for as long as I can remember for different sites. Our town isn't what it used to be and having a quarry will make it worse. We don't want or need it in our town. I worry for not only my family's health but also our future generations. Ellenbrook County Park is used by people in all walks of life. Why destroy something so lovely for our town. The existing quarry caused issues this summer on the field in Hatfield Garden Village blocking the ditch that runs behind the houses. We do not want another quarry

This will unpack our children as we regularly go for walks and cycling

It would be such a shame to loose such a lovely area

My grandchildren live here and as I look after them we will not be able to walk,play and enjoy the wildlife as we do on a regular basis

Park street / napsbury already destroyed

The area is already over populated without adequate existing services

This is one of the last free green spaces for people to use in Hatfield and is supposed to be protected. Not to forget this is a site of historical interest and should be preserved!

The loss of green belt area is indeed a great loss to the world as the current climate has changed

Complete objection to plan

I feel extremely strongly about loss of this nature space. There are very limited green areas in this part of the country and we cannot afford to lose any even for a limited period of time.

No

Concerns this takes away one of few green open spaces in Hatfield.

Will affect my house value & reduce ability to sell

THIS QUARRY WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE AREA, IT WOULD DESTROY A LARGE HABITAT FOR NATURE, AND TAKE AWAY YET MORE GREEN SPACE IN THE AREA.

This land was always promised to the people of Hatfield as a park and as such the agreement should stand. Keep it as a park.

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The quarry will impact the area in a very negative way. Our overly busy roads will be busy, adding to the traffic jams at school drop off and pick up. Noise will increase making it harder to sleep at night (we already have to sleep with windows closed due to traffic noise) and the loss of the park will be awful for the community spirit and general well being of all who use the park. The quarry will probably affect house sale prices also. I can see no good coming from having it and feel very strongly that it should not happen.

The whole area is being ruined by greed

Totally inappropriate location

It's not appropriate development in greenbelt and edge of residential area

The overall picture in the areas needs to be considered in more detail. The Local Plan is proposing a significant increase in the local population with no change in the road structure. Acceptance of the increased demand which this quarry will bring will only exacerbate that pressure. The green spaces are crucial to the health and well being of the local population and this development will further erode those spaces at a time when they are under material pressure elsewhere. This is a business objective overriding clear and obvious people needs.

My reason for living in Hatfield is the healthy lifestyle and green countryside. Added pollution is a main concern for my children.

This is a park/green reserve that is well used by the public. It will ruin the lives of many people if the quarry goes ahead.

I do feel very strongly that we should be protecting the country park which also gives access to University students and sports clubs. I'm always delighted to see how many young people are using the area. With the obesity crisis and associated cost it seems illogical to be considering restricting this green space where local people walk, cycle and run.

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This space is vital for exercise and mental health. Since Covid these have become ever increasingly more important. The wildlife that would be impacted are also vital for the environment. Already heavy traffic in the area would be made worse.

I'm disgusted that a company, such as Brett, can keep on making applications even when the local authority and HMI have turned down their application.

I fear that the pollution (both by the extraction of the aggregate and associated workings and the increase of traffic) caused by the opening of the quarry will hasten my death.

I feel protection of wildlife is very important and there is not enough land locally to walk dogs in the area

Covered above

Concerned about the ecosystem

MOre pollution and traffic

I have walked on this land for over 20 years, there are so many different routes I can take. I meet other walkers and over the years have become friends.

I am implacably opposed to the latest attempt by Brett Aggregates to exploit for gain a site that was designated as a community country park. The risk to the water supply by breaking into the aquifer has been well documented.

So sad to take accessibility from local people

Damage to health

Loss of natural habitats and space for people to go to to unwind.

I feel very strongly that permission for a quarry on this land should not be granted. If, however, it is to be granted then I am very concerned about the location of the proposed access road along the Western edge of the site and I would ask (again) that this not be permitted. This is close to residential developments. I see no need for it to be here rather than, for example, through the center of the site well away from residences and enabling continued public access to the site. OK that might mean that a small strip of land is unavailable for quarrying at some future date but if the budgeted profitability of the venture relies on that strip then I would suggest that there is a high risk that the overall project will not be economically viable. In that case I suspect Brett would exit before completion and would have little incentive to restore the area to be fit for public use.

"I cannot express strongly enough my objections to this wholly inappropriate quarry. It's proximity to residents, schools, sports grounds, university buildings is damaging to health, particularly in relation to silica dust and noise.

Our water supply is threatened by carcinogenic bromate which has already forced closure of 2 nearby pumping stations, and remediation has not been successful.

This is the only open space in this overcrowded corner of the area providing exercise and recreation essential to our mental and physical health.

The A1057 was not built for the level of existing traffic and cannot sustain 172 further daily heavy goods vehicles proposed by the quarry. The proposed entrance to the quarry is on a dangerous and narrow stretch of road, additional turning lanes will not make it safer.

This is green belt land and should be preserved for the local community and to prevent Hatfield and St Albans coalescence . Development of this site as a country park in 35\40 years time is no consolation, many of us will be dead by then.

This is an area overburdened by quarrying, existing sites are requesting extensions to their leases. We need minerals but there are other potential sites which do not threaten residents to such a devastating extent.