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Subject: Hatfield Aerodrome Planning Appeal - 2026 Reconvened Inquiry
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Dear Ms Vincent,

Further to the letter from Brian Owen dated 25 February 2026 inviting comments on the additional draft Public Access Strategy and associated plans provided by the applicants, please find below a concise consultation response on behalf of St Albans City and District Council:

Introduction

Ellenbrook Fields (also referred to as 'Ellenbrook Park' or 'EP') is a well-loved and important open space for residents of St Albans District and Welwyn Hatfield Borough and beyond.

This Council has made three representations in objection to the Application. These objections were dated 26 November 2021, 28 March 2023 and 11 October 2023; and were enclosed with our 'Ellenbrook Appeal - SADC Letter to Inspector August 2024' dated 23 August 2024.

Scope of the current consultation

This Council understands that the scope of the re-opened Inquiry, and the current consultation, is limited to the following Main Issues, as identified in the Inspector's Updated Post conference note sent 06.01.26:

- *"Whether the identified concerns relating to cross-park public access and integration with the unaffected eastern part of EP, are satisfactorily improved through the revised public access strategy and phasing drawings.*
- *The extent (if any) to which this would need to involve changes to the existing conditions and the introduction of new conditions.*
- *The extent (if any) to which this would need to involve changes to the deed of variation, with particular reference to the potential for changes to phasing or redesign, or any other provisions".*

Response

This Council has no additional objections relating to cross-park public access and integration with the unaffected eastern part of EP, having reviewed the revised public access strategy (PAS) and phasing drawings. However, the Council is aware of detailed points of concern that have been raised by the local community including the Colney Heath Group, and considers it would be beneficial if the detailed points were addressed by the applicants

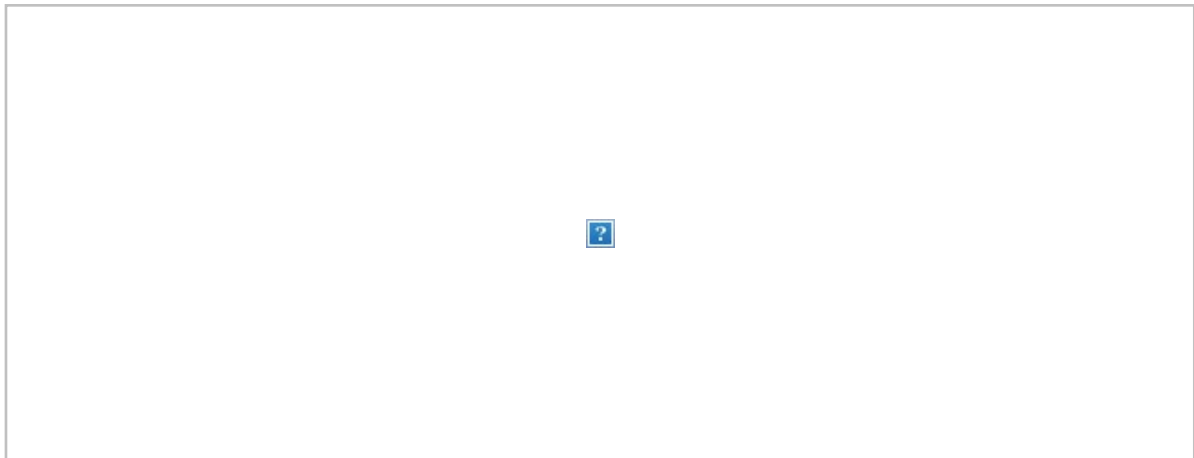
Matters relating to the extent (if any) to which the new information would need to involve changes to the existing conditions and the introduction of new conditions are primarily a matter for the decision-maker and Hertfordshire County Council as the Minerals Planning Authority, and this Council does not intend to comment on this matter.

In relation to whether the updated proposals would need to involve changes to the Deed of Variation (DoV) that was agreed in December 2024 and which varied the original s106 dated 2000; this Council has reviewed the additional information and is of the view that the existing wording in the DoV is sufficient to accommodate the changes in the updated PAS drawings.

Yours sincerely,

St Albans City and District Council Spatial Planning Team

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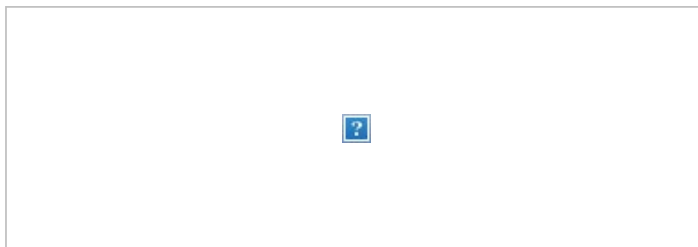
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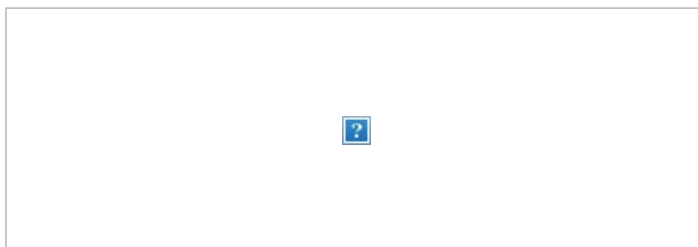


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