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Subject: Objection
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Dear Ms Vincent,

I am writing as a local resident to formally register my strong objection to the revised Public Access Strategy submitted by Brett Aggregates regarding the proposed quarry at Ellenbrook Fields.

Having reviewed the new plans, it is clear that they still completely fail to provide the convenient, attractive, and unfettered cross-park access that was envisaged for this site, nor do they adequately address the Planning Inspector's previous concerns.

My primary objections to the new strategy are as follows:

Loss of All-Weather, Accessible Routes:
The current concrete taxiway is a highly popular, safe route that provides crucial year-round access for cyclists, wheelchair users, and families with prams. Reducing this by 60% and replacing it with narrow grass and gravel paths is a severe downgrade to our community amenity. As anyone who uses Ellenbrook Fields knows, grass paths turn into impassable mud during the winter months. The proposed 3-metre grass pathway between the two lagoons will quickly become unusable, forcing residents into lengthy, inconvenient diversions.

Destruction of Visual Amenity and "Unfettered" Access:
The Inspector noted the need for an attractive balance. Walking on narrow paths sandwiched between 4-metre-high dirt bunds, security fencing, and active quarry workings is not a park experience. It will completely destroy the open, natural character of the area and sever our access to the diverse wildlife we currently enjoy.

Safety Concerns for Park Users:
The proposed routes will force pedestrians, children, and dog walkers into close proximity with active heavy machinery, lorries, dumper trucks, and the plant site. Having to navigate crossings around an active industrial site severely reduces the freedom and safety of the park.

Ultimately, Brett Aggregates' attempt to shoehorn paths around enormous, immovable lagoons and active mining zones does not constitute a fair balance for the community. It effectively cuts off Salisbury Village and Ellenbrook from Smallford for a generation.

I urge the Inspector to recognise that this new strategy is entirely inadequate and fails to protect the amenity of residents and park users.

Yours sincerely,

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