

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: Objection to Brett Aggregates' Revised Public Access Strategy – Ellenbrook Fields
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Dear Ms Vincent

I am writing to object to the revised Public Access Strategy submitted by Brett Aggregates for the proposed quarrying on Ellenbrook Fields.

My objection relates specifically to public access across the park, as required by the Inspector. I live locally and rely on Ellenbrook Fields for commuting and also leisure.

We have been fortunate to move to the close community in Smallford. Since moving we have had two children, the youngest is [REDACTED]. We moved when I (Rani) was 7 months pregnant, the start of an exciting time for us with a new family and new home. We chose this area because of beautiful nature and walks, whilst also being a short commute to both our places of work. Our children absolutely love being outside in Ellenbrook Fields we see the Fields as a big part of their childhood. They allow us to create memories as a family, allow them to explore the wildlife and nature, and enable us as a family to have a beautiful space to walk.

I am a local GP and the benefits of being outdoors and amongst nature are something I promote to my patients on a regular basis. The ability for our community to have this space to do exercise as well as a place to clear the mind is invaluable. We all learnt the value of improved mental wellbeing during the pandemic, and being able to enjoy the outdoors has benefits not only for individuals, but for families, communities and society. The link between positive mental health and good physical health is evident, and therefore the negative impact of removing the fields would be immeasurable. The ripple of the impact would be felt beyond the individual - it would be felt in families, places of work, and in the wider community.

If access to this was restricted for us as a family but also the wider community, it would have significant negative impacts. We must not forget the noise pollution (and the impact that'll have on children), but all the residents and regular dog walkers who come to the area especially for the open fields. We'd also like to protect the green belt between Hatfield and Smallford, and the openness it provides.

Quarrying has been ongoing in Smallford for almost 100 years. The national Planning Framework says that continuous quarrying should be avoided. So, if another 40 years is added on, this will go against this objective.

Overall, we are expressing our sheer objection to this. Having come through the COVID-19 pandemic, and with continual events over the world, society is in need of healing - I see this on a daily basis as a GP. Places like Ellenbrook Fields provides just this - a place for exercise, peace, reflection, being at one with nature, creating memories, and appreciating the world around us. Taking this away from us would be irresponsible, immoral, unfair and in my opinion unkind to the community. 40+ years is too long to wait for this to be given back - by then our children will have lost out on 4 decades of abundant benefits from Ellenbrook Fields, and some people may have unfortunately suffered the negative physical and mental health impacts. These would be irreparable.

We urge you to consider these valuable points, and make the right choice for the community.

Yours Sincerely
Rani Chauhan