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APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW QUARRY ON LAND AT THE FORMER HATFIELD
AERODROME

APPLICATION REFERENCE: PL/0232/21;
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APPELLANT: Brett Aggregates Limited

ADDRESS OR LOCATION AND THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED

DEVELOPMENT: Land at Hatfield Aerodrome, Off Hatfield Road, Hatfield,
Hertfordshire

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Reasons for objection to the new Public Access Strategy

Proposed pathways across the site are not unfettered or attractive, access to open spaces will be severely limited, The proposed surfaces are unsuitable for regular walkers, users of prams or buggies, users of wheelchairs or mobility scooters or anyone walking for therapeutic reasons. In winter any grass pathway will be unusable.

Proximity to lagoons and bunds means that pathways will be unsafe particularly for dog walkers or children.

Rolling program of release of worked areas will cause Health and safety issues, as these areas will be close to workings.

Crossing haul roads via gates is not possible for disabled users and presents hazards for walkers due to vehicles and dangerous surfaces, particularly in winter.

The current hard surface runway is used extensively by bikers, runners and walkers and gives a good view across open land with access to the natural environment. It is also safe for solo users because of its open nature.

Pathways through lagoons will provide a series of hazards, to children, youths, dogs. The 3m wide grass pathways will not be attractive, will be unusable in winter and far from ideal for wheeled users. The lagoons will be deep, poorly defended and unsupervised for safety. This will lead to diversions around the lagoons for much of the year.

Pathways will be close to quarry workings leading to dust pollution, noise pollution, silica dust, none of which allow for peaceful navigation.

Some permanent features of the site, the 'worked area' and lagoons will be present throughout the life of the quarry, preventing satisfactory integration into the park as promised and restricting access to open countryside and crossing of the site.

The revised Public Access strategy is not fit for purpose. It is inaccessible, unsuitable, hazardous and exclusive to many users of the country park

Submitted by Kathryn Gentry