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**To:** [Joanna Vincent](#)  
**Subject:** OBJECTION: Revised Public Access Strategy – Ellenbrook Fields  
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Dear Ms Vincent,

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

Having reviewed the revised plans, I remain very concerned that the proposals fail to provide the level of safe, convenient, and accessible public access that local residents currently enjoy. The revised strategy represents a clear reduction in amenity for the community and does not appear to properly address the concerns previously raised by local residents.

My primary concerns are outlined below.

Loss of the existing concrete runway used for recreation.

The existing concrete taxiway or runway provides an excellent all-weather surface which many residents rely upon for regular walking, running, and cycling. It is a safe and accessible route that is particularly valuable for families with young children. I personally use this route regularly for exercise with my grandchildren and it is one of the few places locally where they can move around safely on bikes, scooters, and similar activities. The removal of this surface represents a significant loss to the community.

Proposed unpaved pathway too close to the A1057 and quarry operations.

The proposed alternative route is shown as an unpaved pathway which appears to run very close to the A1057 and also within the likely zone of dust generated by quarry operations. This raises obvious health and safety concerns for users. In addition, an unpaved path will not be suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs, bicycles, or many mobility users, particularly during wet conditions. This significantly reduces accessibility compared with the existing concrete route.

Impact on established wildlife habitats.

Over the past two decades, the area has become an important habitat for a wide range of wildlife. Many local residents value Ellenbrook Fields precisely because of the biodiversity that has developed there over time. The proposed works, together with the disturbance from quarry operations, are likely to cause substantial disruption to these established habitats and the wildlife that depends on them.

Loss of an important historic landscape.

Finally, the site forms part of the historic former Hatfield Aerodrome and is closely linked with the history of the British aerospace industry. The remaining runway and open landscape provide an important opportunity for younger generations to appreciate and understand this heritage. The removal of these historic features would represent a significant loss to the cultural and historical value of the area.

For these reasons, I believe the revised Public Access Strategy is inadequate and fails to properly protect the interests of local residents, park users, and future generations. Brett Aggregates has had ample opportunity to address the community's concerns, yet the essential problems persist.

I respectfully ask that these concerns are fully considered as part of the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Mary O'Boy