From: [redacted]
To: Joanna Vincent
Subject: Objection to the Revised Public Access Strategy Regarding Ellenbrooks Fields
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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;
APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/M1900/W/24/3346607
APPELLANT: Brett Aggregates Limited
ADDRESS OR LOCATION AND THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Land at Hatfield Aerodrome, off Hatfield Road, Hatfield, Hertfordshire

Dear Ms. Vincent,

I am writing as a resident of the Smallford area in order to formally object to the Revised Public Access Strategy submitted by Brett Aggregates in relation to Ellenbrooks Fields.

I am concerned as I do not believe that the revised plans provide safe and adequate access to Ellenbrooks fields as promised.

As a local resident, I frequently use the concrete path to cycle, for fitness, leisure, and for transport. The reduction of concrete routes would be a significant downgrade in the accessibility and usability of the area for me and many others. Furthermore, new gravel or grass paths will be almost completely inaccessible by bicycle, or for people who use prams or wheelchairs, as one cannot easily direct wheels through gravel, and grass paths quickly become flooded or thick with mud when met with rainfall. Even on foot, flooded, swampy "footpaths" can be extremely difficult to traverse.

I also worry about the safety of these footpaths, particularly for families with children or dogs (a significant demographic of people who frequent this area), given the paths' proximity to this quarry site which is potentially dangerous due to its large machinery and open pits, as well as its risk of air pollution.

Although the proposed quarry development is advertised as creating an idyllic park experience for residents, the Revised Public Access Strategy seems to me to instead propose that we transform this beautiful display of safe, open, wilderness, a green space in what is an increasingly more urbanised world, relatively unfettered by human and machine interference, into what is essentially a very large, very unsafe quarry, with inaccessible, unappealing paths shoehorned in awkwardly around it.

This Revised Public Access Strategy proposed by Brett Aggregates is extremely disappointing for everyone who relies on Ellenbrooks Fields as a place for leisure, exercise, and a safe and accessible place to experience nature. It is completely unacceptable, and I hope the Inspector recognises this.

Yours sincerely,

Anya Ma