Marshalswick North Residents' Association

Objection to the application

In unison with Smallford Area Residents' Association and The Ramblers, we wish to object to the Public Access Strategy submitted by Brett Aggregates to support their proposed quarry extraction on Ellenbrook Fields.

In summary:

- The proposed paths will destroy the attractive, unfettered access we currently enjoy.
- Many of the existing paths, including the popular concrete taxiway, will be largely replaced by narrow grass or gravel paths, many sandwiched between 4-metre-high dirt bunds and active quarry workings.
- There will be two large lagoons which will act as a barrier for unfettered east/west access, with only a narrow grass path through the middle of them.
- In the winter months, these new grass paths will simply turn to mud, forcing users into lengthy diversions and destroying the amenity of the park for walkers, cyclists, and families.

If however the enquiry decides that the strategy should be accepted, conditions need to be applied such that:

- The revised phasing (Option2) is mandated as this keeps larger areas available for access at any time.
- There is a requirement that the piecemeal quarrying and restoration within each phase is mandatory
- There is a requirement that no area is closed off before it is needed to be worked on and all restored areas will be reopened for public access as soon as it is safe to do so.
- The three main east west routes will always be constructed with widths at least as good as HCC requirements for multi-user routes and they will always be surfaced in a way which makes them suitable for all year all weather use by pedestrians , cyclists and equestrians.
- HCC as planning authority should be required to oversee these routes to the same standards as they would if they were recorded as public rights of way.

For and on behalf of the residents of Marshalswick

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