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

I am writing as a local resident in Smallford to object to the revised Public Access Strategy for the proposed quarry at Ellenbrook Fields.

My family has lived in Smallford for around three years. We are a family of four, [REDACTED], and we use Ellenbrook Fields very frequently. We cycle there together, walk through the fields to relax after work and school, and sometimes go to the Ellenbrook recreational ground and play area. We also enjoy spending time observing the night sky in the open areas. In short, we rely on the park almost every week for exercise, recreation, and outdoor activities.

From our experience using the fields regularly, the current open routes across the park are extremely important. The old concrete taxiway, in particular, is very useful because it is wide, safe, and usable all year round for bikes, pedestrians, and wheelchair users. It allows people to move easily across the fields between Smallford and Hatfield.

The revised plan appears to replace much of this with narrower gravel or grass paths. From our experience, many of the existing grass paths already become muddy and difficult to use in winter. Replacing the current taxiway with these routes would make year-round access much less reliable, especially for cycling and family use. Paths next to quarry workings, bunds, fences, and access roads used by quarry vehicles would also feel unsafe and reduce the open, relaxed environment that makes the park enjoyable.

Another concern is that the new layout seems to create longer and less direct routes across the fields. One of the reasons people value this space is that it allows easy movement between local communities. If the paths require long diversions around quarry areas or lagoons, it will make the park much less convenient to use.

Additionally, as a resident who lives near the park, I am aware that the open views, wide horizons, and informal access contribute significantly to the local amenity. Reducing the accessibility and visual openness of the fields would not only affect recreational use but also the enjoyment of the landscape that residents and visitors have come to value.

Overall, based on how my family and many other residents use the fields, I do not believe the revised Public Access Strategy would provide convenient, safe, and attractive cross-park access during the lifetime of the quarry. In particular, replacing the current taxiway route with narrower grass or gravel paths and requiring diversions around quarry areas would make it much harder for people to cross the park in a practical and enjoyable way.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours faithfully,

Wai Ip Kan
Smallford resident