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To: Joanna Vincent
Subject: Formal Objection – Proposed Quarry Development at Ellenbrook Fields
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Dear Ms Vincent,

I am writing to formally object to the revised Public Access Strategy submitted by Brett Aggregates for the proposed quarrying at Ellenbrook Fields.

Ellenbrook Fields is a vital open space for local residents. It is widely used every day for walking, cycling, recreation, and safe travel between local communities. The revised plans fail to preserve the convenient and accessible cross-park routes that residents rely on and that were clearly highlighted by the Planning Inspector as a key requirement.

The existing concrete taxiway provides the only reliable, year-round route across the park. It is wide, visible, and accessible for walkers, cyclists, families, and those with mobility needs. Under the proposed strategy, much of this route will be removed and replaced with narrow grass or gravel paths. These surfaces are already known to become muddy and unusable in winter conditions, meaning they cannot realistically provide dependable access across the park.

In addition, many of the proposed routes would run alongside quarry workings, heavy vehicle routes, fencing, and large earth bunds. Such routes cannot reasonably be described as “attractive and unfettered” public access. Instead, they would force park users to navigate narrow corridors beside an active industrial operation, which significantly undermines both the safety and enjoyment of the space.

The proposal also fails to integrate restored areas of the park in a timely way. Because of the positioning of the lagoons, large parts of the park would remain disconnected for much of the quarry’s operational life, preventing residents from freely accessing areas that may already have been restored.

Overall, the revised strategy does not provide the convenient, attractive, and unfettered cross-park access that residents currently enjoy and that planning policy and the previous inquiry clearly expected. Instead, it replaces well-used routes with inferior alternatives that are impractical, unsafe, and likely to become unusable during significant parts of the year.

For these reasons, I strongly urge that the revised Public Access Strategy be rejected and that the long-standing accessibility and character of Ellenbrook Fields be properly protected for the benefit of the local community.

Yours sincerely,

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