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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: Objection to Ellen Brook Fields Proposed Quarry
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Dear Ms Vincent,

I am writing to formally object to the revised Public Access Strategy submitted by Brett Aggregates in relation to the proposed quarry at Ellenbrook Fields / the former Hatfield Aerodrome site.

My family and I use Ellenbrook Fields every day for walks with our dogs, and my teenage son cycles across Ellenbrook Fields from Smallford to Hatfield and back every day for work. It is an important part of our daily routine and health and wellbeing. The openness of the landscape and the ability to walk freely across the park using clear, accessible routes is one of the main reasons the area is so valued by local residents.

In my view, the revised strategy still fails to provide convenient, attractive and genuinely accessible routes across the park during the lifetime of the quarry, and therefore does not adequately address the concerns previously raised by the Planning Inspector and the Secretary of State.

One of the main concerns is that the proposed lagoons continue to block natural cross-park routes between Ellenbrook, Salisbury Village and Smallford. This means the strategy relies on alternative paths that appear indirect and far less appealing than the routes currently used by the public.

At present, the old concrete taxiway is one of the most useful and popular routes across the park. It provides a firm and reliable surface that is suitable for cyclists, wheelchair users and people with limited mobility, and it remains usable even in bad weather. It also offers long, open sight lines which contribute to a strong sense of safety and openness when walking across the fields. As the mother of a [REDACTED] old daughter [REDACTED], this safety is very important. Under the proposal, much of this route would disappear and be replaced with narrower gravel or grass paths, some of which run alongside roads.

The proposed grass paths are particularly concerning. Grass surfaces across Ellenbrook Fields already become muddy and difficult to use during the winter months, and this would likely make many of the new routes unusable for significant periods of the year. Walking would be very hard and cycling would be impossible.

The suggested pathway between the two lagoons also appears impractical. A narrow grass route in this location would likely become muddy and unpleasant to use during wet conditions, potentially forcing people to take long detours around the lagoons.

Many of the proposed routes also appear to run close to quarry workings, access roads,

haul routes or large earth bunds. Paths bordered by fencing, heavy vehicle movements and high bunds are unlikely to provide the attractive and unfettered experience that people currently enjoy when using Ellenbrook Fields. The need to navigate crossings and quarry traffic would also reduce the sense of safety and freedom that currently exists, particularly for families, dog walkers and children.

Ellenbrook Fields is currently a peaceful and open place where people can move freely through the landscape and enjoy nature. As quarrying progresses, the proposed access arrangements would require users to make significant diversions around active quarry areas, which would substantially reduce both the convenience and enjoyment of walking across the park.

For these reasons, I do not believe the revised Public Access Strategy provides the level of convenient cross-park access expected under the 2000 Agreement and relevant planning policy, nor does it successfully integrate restored areas with the rest of Ellenbrook Park during the lifetime of the quarry.

I respectfully ask that these concerns be carefully considered as part of the reconvened Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Joanne Roberts, 