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Dear Helen Skinner

Thank you for passing on the Inspector's invitation to comment on any relevance I believe the recently revised NPPF has to the case against Brett's appeal.

In my brief submission to the reconvened Inquiry in April 2026 (as Hatfield Town Council's nominee for the Country Park Trust) I spoke about the difficulties I foresaw in the revised proposals by the Appellant to maintain public access, and in addition those that would fall to the Trust in receiving small "slices" of quarried and restored land to integrate into the Country Park in a piecemeal fashion.

Having read the NPPF 2026, I do not think I can add materially to the Colney Heath Group's submission (dated 25/08/2026) to the similar invitation they had received in August. I associate myself with their position, and quote from their conclusion:
"The new policy [NPPF 2026] emphasis on safety, inclusion, route attractiveness, fear of crime, the needs of women and girls, and physical hazards associated with open water all reinforce the importance of assessing whether the proposed Public Access Strategy will function successfully in the real world throughout the lifetime of the quarry.
"The question is not only route provision, but the question is also about route quality, attractiveness, safety and real-world usability."
Kind Regards,

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Good afternoon,

I refer to the above appeal and the revised National Planning Policy Framework, which was published on 17 August 2026.

Information regarding the Framework 2026 can be found on GOV.UK:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework

The Inspector invites you to consider whether the Framework 2026 has relevance to your case. Please submit your comments on this matter only in a submission titled 'NPPF 2026'.

You must submit your comments within 5 working days from the date of this email, **by 21st September 2026**.

Kind regards

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