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Appeal against refusal of planning application for the establishment of a new quarry on land at the former Hatfield Aerodrome Reference ; PL/0232/21

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Appellant ; Brett Aggregates Limited

Address or location and the nature of the proposed development ; Land at Hatfield Aerodrome, off Hatfield Road, Hatfield, Hertfordshire

Proposed development ; formation of a new quarry

Dear Joanna,

I am aware of, and agree with the views, and the contents of many other emails on this subject, submitted by people far more eloquent than I. So I shall endorse their submissions, but refrain from resubmitting, verbatim, their valid objections.

I do, however, wish to add a further objection to the matter and I shall focus on the cgi images that have been offered as evidence of meeting the required changes to the most recent refusal.

The images show an almost tranquil place to walk through, that is created from an imaginary point (drone or helicopter) 15, maybe 20 metres above ground.

We will be waking with our feet on the ground and the bunds way above our heads. This can hardly be described as a pleasant or appealing way to walk whether as part of a daily commute, or, for recreation.

Furthermore, those already using the site for many years, know the 'go round' options when underfoot conditions become adverse. Channelled into these artificially created routes, that will no longer be an option.

Given the focussing of all foot traffic, and at least in part, less able users motorised aids, the paths will most likely not be suitable to use 12 months of the year for the next 25 or more years. The resulting compaction will cause some sections to 'pond' others will simply become impassible bogs.

I further fear that, aside being somewhat intimidating in half-light or full night, many will be forced onto the extended offsite route around the quarry perimter. Indeed, the

pathways surrounded by the bunds, could well prove a hive for anti-social behaviour, or, direct crime.

With regards air quality for breathing, there will be calm days when the silica dust will remain, largely within the containment area. However, these days are rare. There are many reasons for the airfield being there beforehand and one will have been the prevailing wind (S.W.) often being quite strong, and I fear it will bring the airborne silica dust into the air along the pathways, possibly to even settle on the bund walls, and the ground itself.

So, in addition to all the other more detailed objections, please include this matter in re-opened enquiry.

Further, and Without Prejudice

Our County Council DID NOT withdraw their objection. They did find it impossible to justify spending further tax-payers money pursuing the matter.

Unlike Brett Aggregates stated, many of the people using the area for recreation general fresh air, the local residents DO NOT have free and easy access to Hatfield Park.

Unlike Brett Aggregates stated, there was not a social media 'call to arms' on the morning of the inspectors visit to site. There WAS a professional set of guidelines issued, in the main stating that members of the public MUST NOT approach the inspector, but it was in order to engage with him if he approached them. Those able to attend were simply asked to be available. A small number were, the vast majority, myself included, were unable to be present due to work and/or other commitments.

Kind Regards

John Spavins - local resident (around 1km outside the site perimeter)