

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Michael Tomazou and I am a resident of Nimrod drive in Salisbury Village which borders Ellenbrook Fields Park to the east - in the path of the prevailing wind from Ellenbrook Fields (park) and the dust from the proposed quarry.

I have lived in Hatfield virtually my whole life and I do "remember when all this were green fields".

There have been several presentations regarding the measurable aspects of the quarry application - noise, air pollution, the effect of additional heavy vehicle traffic - however I would like to speak about issues which are less measurable but possibly more important for the wellbeing of residents .

I have always worked in the Caring Industry - a former Youth worker, homelessness worker and Drug and Alcohol worker providing support to less able clients.

However following an incident where a client died I have been unable to work due to PTSD, I have been engaging with Support services - the same services I worked in since. PTSD can be a nasty condition to live with.

Thankfully, as a dog owner, I have had the use of EFP in my recovery - it has been invaluable - I am able to walk my dog there twice a day, every day - which provides a relief to my anxiety. This enables me to engage with my local community - something I wouldn't do if EFP wasn't there. I now belong to a whatsapp group with 40 others in Hatfield who walk their dogs in EFP .

I am not alone in using the park to manage my mental wellbeing - in my own neighbourhood there are properties, managed by Exclusive Care and Alina, with 20+ residents with learning difficulties - also regular park users - helping residents alleviate the stress of living in residential care.

There are also a number of ex servicemen and former clients living in the vicinity of EFP who enjoy the immeasurable peace and tranquility that the park provides - tranquility that will be destroyed and unavailable if the quarry application is granted - potentially putting their, and my recovery at risk.

Mental health can be a fragile condition - sufferers can seem to be "holding it together" when, in fact they are struggling to cope.

EFP is priceless in this respect - being able to escape to nature is acknowledged as one of the few meaningful treatments available for sufferers. Would it be just and fair to take this FREE 24/7 resource away from these vulnerable people??

We saw during COVID how valuable a resource EFP is to the community - it was one of the few places that families and children could escape to. Will families enjoy the same PEACEFUL escape from a quarry with noise and potentially harmful toxins into the air??

As I said in my opening statement, EFP provides immeasurable benefits which granting the quarry application will rob the community of - not just the current residents, but their children, grandchildren and for some great grandchildren - is the "need" for a quarry so great that 4 generations should be deprived of the amenities and benefits that EFP provide this community?

Please reject this second quarry application.