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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: Hatfield Aerodrome Planning Appeal - 2026 Reconvened Inquiry
Date: 04 March 2026 12:49:38

Dear Joanna

I welcome the opportunity to make known my objections to the proposal.

The Ellenbrook Country Park, was brought into being largely as the result of an earlier application to develop the Eastern side of the original Hatfield Aerodrome.

The Inspector at the time required the remaining undeveloped area of the aerodrome to become a much needed GREEN LUNG for residents. This requirement has never been fully implemented and perhaps now, whatever the findings of this inquiry, this should be corrected; the Ellenbrook Country Park Trust formed and funded.

As a body the Trust could then best manage any access that this inquiry should require.

It is clear that the present proposals put forward by Brett do not fulfil the required unfettered and attractive useability they must provide. Many path surfaces will become inappropriate at times and limiting with for some will cause chaos when walkers with dogs on leads meet bikes or other pedestrians. It is clear that the requirement of the lagoons is having a marked effect on the planning of paths and other matters.

Not enough planning has had proper regard to the high pressure gas pipeline.

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The proposed depth of this dig and any precautions needed for the pipeline stability, have to be agreed with Cadent. What measures are proposed should unexploded ordnance be found?

If the dig and the plant require re-planning to put more distance between gravel extraction and the pipeline, then all the access paths will need revision. Brett's 'ducks' are yet to be put in a row.

The plant site area plan does not fully allow pedestrians and those using the Bridal Ways to connect to other parts of the site.

Keeping the 'park' open during the changing workings over thirty years and serve a growing community is a big ask and may not be achievable.

Add in the complexities of the large area of contamination one has to think and perhaps conclude; this proposed development is NOT appropriate in this location?

I trust that my thoughts will be taken into consideration

Sincerely

Christopher Musk [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: Hatfield Aerodrome Planning Appeal - 2026 Reconvened Inquiry
Date: 02 March 2026 17:47:33

Dear Joanna,

I fear that time might be wasted without first the approval in writing by the MPA in consultation with the pipeline operator

As I understand it Brett are required to comply with the following Draft Conditions, dated June 2025:

"Gas Pipeline – safeguarding

76 Prior to the commencement of the development a Gas Pipeline Management Plan in respect of the gas pipeline shown on Drawing HQ3/7R Initial Site Establishment shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the MPA in consultation with the pipeline operator. The Gas Pipeline Management shall include plans and cross sections and clearly indicate minimum working distances between the haul road and mineral extraction areas and the gas pipeline.

The approved Gas Pipeline Management Plan shall be implemented in full".

The inclusion of the above condition 76 would lead one to believe that approval is still to be done. Without approval of this nature finalised it is possible that changes will be needed to the existing plans, thus making them unsuitable for a basis of further access considerations.

Assuming this to be so, it is regrettable that so much time will have been wasted. Brett were requested by Cadent to make contact with them at a much earlier stage in order to agree where they could dig, site machinery, roads etc. and what measures would need to be taken to ensure the ongoing security/safety of this major High Pressure Pipeline.

I am forwarding to you a copy (below) of an email I have sent to Cadent Gas, the company in charge of ensuring the safety of the High Pressure major Gas Pipies located at the Western end of the appeal area.

Sincerely

Christopher Musk (Resident [REDACTED])

email to Cadent Gas:-

Some years ago Brett Agrigates applied to Herts County Council for permission to extract sand and gravel from the Old Hatfield Aerodrome. A major 1200mm high-pressure Gas Service pipeline is situated at the Western end of the application site. It is proposed to start the excavation ares a few metres from the pipeline and locate the processing plant at the north of the site straddeling the pipeline.

The works are planed over thirtytwo years or so, to extract eight million tons of sand and gravel which will also be procesed by the plant on site

Cadent were informed of the application and replied that there was no objection to the proposal. However, to ensure the long term security of the pipeline Brett are required to comply as follows:-

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The present use of this site is that of an,open to all parkland. It is crossed by many formal and informal footpaths and bridleways. Public access has to be maintained and moved as works progress from areas of dig to restoration. This is being addressed by the Inquiry and depends upon the plans before the Inspector. But have these plans been approved and comply with Cadent's engineers rerquirments? Brett's engineers are confident

that the plans they have prepared are safely workable, but are they? The water table in this area is high and the proximity of the planned deep dig within a few metres of the high pressure gas pipeline. Should Cadent require any alterations to the present proposals the work that is being done at this stage will all be a waste of time. The original application was rejected but appealed. The final day for comments to be made known is 15th March 2026, The following gives you more information.

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