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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: ELLENBROOK FIELDS/Former Hatfield Aerodrome
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Dear Joanna,

I write to you today to OBJECT to the plans of Brett Aggregates continued attempts to turn Ellenbrook Fields into a quarry. My objections pertain to the continued public use of the area while quarrying takes place and the Public Access Strategy that has been created by Brett.

In my opinion the proposals fall short of striking a fair balance between continued public use of the park and maximising the mineral resource, as outlined by the Inspector, and clearly favours the latter. Ellenbrook is frequented by many different users, but one of the key aspects is that it provides a direct, safe and attractive route from Smallford to what is known as Salisbury Village, which is a popular student area on the outskirts of the University of Hertfordshire. From there, one can access the Galleria and the wider Hatfield area beyond. This is traversed by commuters, students, shoppers and dog walkers to name a few. This direct line through the park is going to be almost immediately interrupted upon commencement of works, forcing pedestrians and cyclists to take large diversions either south of the first phases or north and in between the lagoons. The lagoons are to be separated by 3m grass path. I can attest, as a regular user of the park, that this in particular will become unusable at the first stint of prolonged wet weather. The drainage on the land is virtually non-existent as it stands, often becoming water-logged. If users are restricted to such a narrow section of land it will become impassable very quickly, forcing even longer diversions around the top end of the lagoons.. There may also be potential for accidents to occur here depending on how the lagoons will be separated from the paths. What is to stop people or animals falling into these lagoons? Of course, if they are to be bunded and fenced then they will instead fail to pass the "provision of attractive, unfettered routes," as per the instruction from the Inspector at the first inquiry.

A further concern is that at many points paths will now be crossing roadways. As this is an extremely popular area with professional and recreational dog walkers and it will be adding a layer of jeopardy formerly unknown within the park. With the plant area at the rear of the site there is obviously going to be constant vehicle movements during the day which may make many areas too dangerous to let dogs run free. Especially at the start, where the worked area is furthest from the plant area. To me, having to dodge vehicles again fails to meet the standard of unfettered, attractive routes as outlined by the Inspector.

And again the large 4m bund at the Smallford end also fails to meet this instruction.

I also object to the fact they have proposed new routes through the wooded area toward the North East end of the site. This wood is not part of the quarrying plan and I do not see the need to mess with this area of natural beauty (imminently about to bloom with thousands of rare Bluebells) - it occurs to me that the new routes are maybe part of a quota which actually have no real relevance to what is actually occurring within the main body of the site.

I hope you take on board my objections to this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew England

