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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/M1900/W/24/3346607 APPELLANT APPEAL
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Dear Ms Vincent

APPELLANT APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW QUARRY ON LAND AT THE FORMER HATFIELD AERODROME APPLICATION REFERENCE: PL/0232/21; *APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/M1900/W/24/3346607* APPELLANT: Brett Aggregates Limited ADDRESS OR LOCATION AND THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Land at Hatfield Aerodrome, Off Hatfield Road, Hatfield, Hertfordshire

I am writing to formally object to the quarry appeal concerning the proposed public access strategy for the quarry at Hatfield Aerodrome.

The proposed strategy fails to adequately address the concerns previously raised by the Secretary of State regarding public access across the quarry area. In particular, the plans do not provide sufficient cross-park connectivity and significantly reduce the quality, safety, and usability of existing routes currently enjoyed by visitors to Ellenbrook Park.

Many of the proposed paths are narrow and bordered by bunds and fencing, creating confined and less appealing walking routes compared with the wide, open pathways currently available. The existing concrete taxiway provides a safe, durable, and accessible route for a wide range of users including families with pushchairs, elderly visitors, cyclists, and those with mobility impairments. Its replacement with narrower gravel or grass paths represents a clear reduction in accessibility and usability, particularly during winter months when these surfaces may become muddy, uneven, or completely unusable.

This change would disproportionately affect people with disabilities, people with severe asthma, parents with babies in prams, and elderly residents from nearby care homes who rely on smooth, stable surfaces for safe access. Gravel and grass paths can be extremely difficult for wheelchair users, mobility scooters, walking aids, and pushchairs to navigate. For those with respiratory conditions such as severe asthma, dusty gravel paths and proximity to quarry operations may also worsen

breathing difficulties and discourage use of the park altogether.

Several elements of the proposed layout raise additional safety and practicality concerns. The narrow grass pathway proposed between lagoons would place walkers in close proximity to deep water while also becoming muddy and slippery during wet conditions. This is particularly unsuitable for vulnerable users including children, elderly visitors, people with limited mobility, and parents with prams.

Other proposed paths are located close to quarry operations, internal roads, bunds, and plant areas. These routes are unlikely to provide an attractive or peaceful recreational environment and may require users to navigate crossings, avoid operational vehicles, or take lengthy diversions around restricted areas. Such conditions make the park far less accessible and welcoming for the wider community.

The strategy also fails to properly integrate restored areas with the wider park. Physical barriers such as lagoons, working areas, and plant sites will fragment access and prevent convenient movement across the park. For this reason, the claim that 85% of Ellenbrook Park will remain accessible is misleading and does not reflect the practical limitations visitors will experience.

Overall, the proposed public access strategy does not deliver convenient cross-park access, does not replicate the quality or accessibility of existing routes, and does not provide timely integration of restored areas into the wider park landscape. It also fails to adequately consider the needs of vulnerable users, including people with disabilities, those with serious respiratory conditions, elderly residents from nearby care homes, and families with young children.

For these reasons, I strongly urge that the appeal be refused.

Sara Green



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: Quarry objection
Date: 13 March 2026 20:44:13

Hi

I live within a stones throw of Ellenbrook fields. Two doors away from me is a care home for young adults, and another a few more doors away. I can see the fields from my house and be through the gates in under 2 minutes. I have [REDACTED], myself and my children use the fields, as do many local residents. To not have access to clean fresh air, pathways that cannot be used for most of the year due to to sodden pathways, and risk of an [REDACTED] both at home and out walking is intolerable. I'm scared of what I will inhale if I open the window or walk on the extraordinarily inefficient proposed 'pathways'. How will prams, wheelchairs etc get through? Does the council care so little about the long term health implications of this horrendous plan? Will there be compensation for the locals who become ill due to dust, can't walk accross fiejds unaided, can't experience a genuine area of wildlife and peace?

Please show care and compassion for a beautiful space that we will be unable to use to travel directly accross. The proposal doesn't permit any reasonable use or pathways and if this is the proposal there's every reason to think the reality will be worse.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone