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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
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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;
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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

Dear Joanna,

I am writing to share my concerns about the proposed public access arrangements linked to the quarry development at Hatfield Aerodrome.

As a business owner in the local area, I walk in Ellenbrook at least twice a day and see first-hand how heavily the park is used by the local community. The proposed changes would dramatically impact my business and would also significantly alter how people are able to access and enjoy this important open space.

One of the key strengths of the current park layout is the network of wide, open taxiways and paths that allow people to move easily across the park while enjoying expansive views of the landscape. The plans appear to replace many of these with much narrower routes that run alongside bunds, fencing, or operational areas. This would greatly reduce both the openness of the space and the overall experience for visitors.

I am also concerned that many of the proposed routes will be gravel or grass surfaces. These are likely to deteriorate during the winter months and could become muddy or difficult to use. This may create challenges for elderly visitors, families with children, runners, and those with mobility issues who currently benefit from the existing wider, hard-surfaced paths.

Some of the suggested routes also appear to pass close to lagoons, quarry activity, or internal roads. In particular, the narrow grass path proposed between lagoons raises concerns about safety and practicality, especially during wet conditions when surfaces could become slippery or waterlogged.

In addition, the layout seems likely to interrupt the natural flow of movement across the park. With lagoons, work areas, and plant locations acting as barriers, it is difficult to see how restored sections will be easily reconnected with the rest of Ellenbrook. As a result, the suggestion that most of the park will remain accessible does not seem to reflect how people currently move around the space.

Ellenbrook is an important recreational area for local residents, and it is essential that any future plans protect the accessibility, safety, and overall quality of the park for those who use it every day.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these concerns.

Many thanks
Kelly

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