

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Joanna Vincent](#)  
**Subject:** Objections to new plans provided by Brett Aggregates in relation to the application to quarry on Ellenbrook Fields / Former Hatfield Aerodrome  
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Dear Ms Vincent please find below our objections to the access plans provided by Brett Aggregates in relation to the above application.

My self and my family have lived in Hatfield for 25 years 14 of those in Ellenbrook. I have also worked at the University of Hertfordshire since 1998 and have regularly walked the fields. I have two dogs and this is one of the only local places that I can let them off lead. It currently has good accessibility for those with disabilities, pushchairs and cyclists and provides much needed access to nature and natural surroundings for both the local community and others. See for example <https://www.alltrails.com/en-gb/trail/england/hertfordshire/ellenbrook-fields-circular>.

This proposal will severely limit access to the fields for the following reasons:

The inspector at the first enquiry mandated that routes across the park are required to be attractive and unfettered . Paths next to quarry workings and bunds (3-5m high mounds of earth) are neither attractive nor unfettered.

One of the main access routes across the park now is the old concrete taxiway. This provides excellent access to the park in all weathers and is heavily used. However, only roughly 40% of the taxiway will remain up to the end of the sports pitches, and it will be replaced by alternative routes comprising narrower gravel paths or grass paths, some by main roads. Most of these will be grass, and these regularly used paths will be unusable in Winter months.

There will be a narrow grass pathway (approx. 3m) between the two lagoons. In Winter months these will be unusable as the grass surface will turn to mud, similar to the grass pathways on Ellenbrook Fields at the moment resulting in long diversions around the lagoons.

Footpaths will be close to quarry workings, or the access road (with lorries), or internal roads (with dumper trucks), or the plant site.

There will be crossings to navigate and vehicles to be mindful of, reducing the freedom of users to roam around the park, particularly an issue for children and dog owners of which there are many in the area. This is one of the only local places that dogs can run off lead.

The current access to the diverse wildlife will be destroyed as the quarrying progresses. Many locals go there to observe birds and other wildlife as do colleagues at the University.

Users will be forced to take lengthy diversions around the active quarry areas.

Huge bunds at the Smallford end alongside the main access road will not support attractive unfettered access.

Please submit this as the response from all at [REDACTED]. We are regular users of this facility and strongly object to this proposal for the reasons cited above.

Yours sincerely

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