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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: HATFIELD AERODROME PLANNING APPEAL-2026 Reconvened inquiry
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Dear Mrs Vincent,

I STRONGLY OBJECT to these new proposals, I have been living in Smallford for 40 years plus am a frequent user of the park amenities. I have also noticed that quite a few people use this park too, either for relaxation, walking their dogs, jogging, cycling, etc. This park also provides a welcome area of relatively undisturbed nature with some rare plants and has become a heaven for wildlife over the years. I am sorry to say that this re opening of the enquiry about the Hatfield Quarry seems to go against any common sense in my view as the potential problems exposed in the past sufficed to say have not gone away!

I fear these new Brett proposals concerning access and routes across the park do not provide a satisfactory solution as demonstrated by the arguments below.

The main issue is that the proposed lagoons block the provision of attractive, unfettered routes across the park from Ellenbrook / Salisbury Village to Smallford.

The lagoons cannot be moved as this would potentially trigger the requirement for a brand-new application and also the Environment Agency have previously said that the lagoons should be in their current position to provide a buffer for the bromate plume.

Brett's proposals have attempted to resolve the Inspectors concerns by providing additional paths across the quarry site including a path between the two lagoons.

The following are reasons why the new strategy does not achieve cross park access and does not successfully integrate the restored phases

- Routes across the park are required to be attractive and unfettered (as described by the Inspector at the first Inquiry). Paths next to quarry workings and bunds (3-5m high mounds of earth) are neither attractive nor unfettered.

- One of the main routes across the park now is the old concrete taxiway. This route is very popular due to:

- its proximity to Ellenbrook,
- its surface (great for bikes, wheelchairs and disabled users) and the fact it provides a useable surface in inclement weather
- it provides a clear sight line and therefore is safe

But 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.

- Some pathways will be gravel, most will be grass, 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 this 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 narrow and will not afford an attractive visual amenity. They will be bordered by bunds and fencing.
- 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 users.
- The current access to the diverse wildlife will be destroyed as the quarrying progresses.
- 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.

I do hope that the Inspector will take into consideration residents (and non residents) objections and that common sense will prevail.

Yours faithfully,

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