

Hertfordshire County Council Spatial Planning & Economy Unit County Hall Pegs Lane Hertford SG13 8DN

For the attention of: Chay Dempster

By post and e-mail

20 May 2019

**Dear Sirs** 

Planning application reference PL\0755\16 for the establishment of a new quarry on land at the former Hatfield Aerodrome by Brett Aggregates Limited

I write further to our letters of objection to above application made on 13 August and 18 December 2018.

We have received an undertaking from the applicant that it will not commence extraction of mineral from the Lower Mineral Horizon until it has entered into an operating agreement with us. We have also agreed heads of terms relating to this operating agreement.

We are satisfied that these arrangements will provide us as the appointed water undertaker with a direct ability to ensure that sources of water that we use for public water supply are protected during quarrying activity. We therefore withdraw our objections to the above application.

We have also further considered the question of planning conditions and can confirm that having reviewed the position we do not consider that any additional or amended condition is necessary. In our view, the Groundwater Management Plan condition proposed by and agreed with the Environment Agency is appropriate and adequate in accordance with the relevant Government guidance.

Yours faithfully

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