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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of my wife and I who have been a resident in Ellenbrook Lane for over 20 years and are now retired and so spend considerable time at home. I would start by pointing out that we have been actively and formally objecting to the quarrying proposals for some considerable time now.

Our particular objections can be summarised as focussed around the following points:

1. Degradation of the local living environment with an anticipated increase in noise pollution (already intolerable because of the increase in noise from the A1M and adjacent roads) and the Luton flights paths (with Westerly take-off). The noise is such that we cannot any longer sit and relax in our garden, read a book or socialise outside. The quarry would add to the background noise level directly from the extraction and indirectly because of increase heavy lorry transport.
2. Degradation would also occur because of the increase in traffic which would contribute significantly to traffic jams, exhaust pollution and of course the dust pollution levels in the air which would also make the environment less safe for residents.
3. The water pollution from Bromide has been a concern from the days (now gone by) when our drinking water may have been contaminated, to now when the ground water in the brook outside our house may be contaminated by disturbing the plume. This contamination will inevitably flow into larger rivers and pose a more general risk to health.
4. The idea of providing an amenity for both people and wildlife post the extraction is rendered largely irrelevant as it would be very many years hence that the restoration work would be conducted. We are doubtful that even then the expert advice needed to provide a truly valuable space for wildlife would be heeded. This point can be summarise as requiring a 're-wilding' approach as opposed to a country park with 'lollipop' trees, which is so often the outcome.

I would be pleased to accept any clarification questions or communications that consideration of this statement may require.

Yours sincerely,

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