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Dear Joanna Vincent

I am writing to you as the Public Inquiry Manager concerned with the Brett Appeal against the decision not to proceed with the quarry on the Hatfield Aerodrome site. I am a Hatfield resident and first came to Hatfield with my parents in 1965. I very much hope that the earlier decision will not be overturned, and that therefore there will be no additional quarry in Hatfield.

Others including the Hatfield Town Council have set out in much more detail the various objections to the quarry, and it seems that the Brett appeal is based on a proposal which is not so very different from their original unsuccessful proposal. Basically the arguments that most impress me are

1. Quarrying has been going on in Hatfield for 85 years and it seems unreasonable that more should take place especially as the town grows much larger;
2. The quarry would mean significant loss of Green Belt land and interfere with park land near Ellenbrook (which is used for leisure activities even if the promised Country Park has never been properly established);
3. There will be substantial increase in air pollution and traffic (especially trucks along the road to St Albans);
4. There are serious concerns that quarrying in this site could make the existing groundwater pollution caused by the bromate plume much worse - this is already claimed to be the worst example of groundwater pollution in Europe.

I understand that there are other possibilities for quarrying in Hertfordshire, notably near Stansted Abbots, where quarrying would not cause the problems listed above.

I very much hope that the quarry will not proceed.

Sincerely,

Gareth Aicken