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**To:** [Joanna Vincent](#)  
**Subject:** A Resident's Submission to the Public Inquiry  
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Dear Joanna,

As a resident living close to a site intended for a quarry, I write in relation to the public inquiry being held into HCC's refusal of an application by Brett Aggregates for mineral extraction on a substantial part of the Ellenbrook Park site, and where Brett have submitted a revised planning application to HCC for similar works. In this regard, please find attached a letter i wish to submit to the Inquiry for consideration.

I understand that the inspector has allowed submissions to him personally, from anyone, until midnight on Tues 30th November. Thus, i hope my attached submission will be considered.

Kind regards,

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Dear Sirs,

As a resident living close to a site intended for a quarry, I write in relation to the public inquiry being held into HCC's refusal of an application by Brett Aggregates for mineral extraction on a substantial part of the Ellenbrook Park site, and where Brett have submitted a revised planning application to HCC for similar works. I live particularly close to site 1 of a proposed quarry (at Hatfield Aerodrome - Ellenbrook).

For completeness, I should also state that I also currently work as a Paralegal within Hertfordshire County Council's Environment Law team.

As a resident, I have my reservations on the quarry for the following reasons:

- The population of Hatfield will be 50,000 by 2024. At least 2000 more houses/flats are planned, some on Comet way (fairly close to the proposed quarry). Indeed, **3 housing estates** (Salisbury village, Ellenbrook and Smallford) are very close to the site. Thus, the long term impacts of the quarry are likely to be felt by too high a number of residents. In this regard, in my opinion, the long-term impacts to residents in the areas of shifting roughly 10M tonnes of sand and gravel over a prolonged period, is overwhelmingly negatively. In addition, I believe under the NPPF - this quarry site is disproportionate.
- I understand that there is a contaminated borehole in the quarry site (borehole 104), already breaching important conditions (and in general, I am appalled to learn that this bromate problem is the worst contamination of a chalk aquifer in Europe). In addition, the quarry could threaten Hatfield's drinking water as also the aquifer to Roestock flows down the West side of the quarry (if there is a contamination of the water supply in the East of the quarry, there is little to stop the spread to the West through the workings of the quarry).

Though I understand that Brett has stated they will not Quarry within 100m of this borehole, this again adds to my overall reservation as to whether the health impact of a quarry near residences in Hatfield has been really considered.

- It is also important to note other serious health consequences to residents that the quarry poses. University students could inhale silica dust (which causes lung disease) whilst playing on the university sports field next to the quarry. A large number of students living in residences, only 350m away, currently exercise in the park next to

the quarry. Extra diesel fumes would result from the extra quarry lorries on the A1057 road (and other residential roads in Hatfield).

- Again, in relation to HGV's, were the quarry to go ahead, I believe the extra HGV's on residential roads in Hatfield would be extremely dangerous for the community. For example, the A1057 is a road used daily by Hatfield residents such as children walking to school and university students entering de Havilland campus. Particularly in respect of children, please note Howe Dell primary school in Salisbury Village is situated close to the site, consequently children walking to school from the Ellenbrook estate will be at risk of accident. Overall, the increase of HGV's attempting to access the site through the road increases the potential risk of accidents for residents such as myself.

Overall, I don't believe the concerns of residents on the cumulative impact of the quarry on the area have been acted upon (particularly the bromate issue and the contamination of the water supply, which can be further exacerbated by the quarry). I kindly ask, that this opportunity is taken to truly listen to the community, and move the quarry intended for the site at Hatfield Aerodrome (to possibly The Briggens Estate (Olives Farm)).

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kanayo Chianakwalam