

I whole heartedly object to this planning objection application for the redevelopment on Ellenbrook Fields known as Hatfield Green and previously as Hat 2.

I am a Resident of Ellenbrook and enjoy the open space and ambience of the Ellenbrook Fields and I object on the following grounds:

- The building of 1100 houses on Ellenbrook Fields will take away the **only** local amenity space for residents in the immediate and surrounding area of Hatfield, which as a community, we use and enjoy daily and many of us use this area for health reasons, to keep fit and for enjoyment and our wellbeing. This space is used by many; dog walkers, children, community groups, hikers, bird watchers, running groups etc. Along with the Gravel excavation which is also part of a planning application affecting Ellenbrook fields, this new application will leave us with hardly any area of natural habitat to enjoy. This space is very important to all in the area not only the community but also to the wildlife and the flora and fauna which will be gone.
- To build on this land will increase the risk of flooding to our area. Parts of Ellenbrook are already in a Flood Risk Zone, to build here would only exacerbate the problem and increase the risk of flooding to our homes. The water run off from the proposed development, as I understand from the meeting with Arlingtons, will be fed into balancing ponds which will then be fed into the Ellenbrook. At increased rainfall times the Ellenbrook has almost overflowed, by increasing the water level of the Ellenbrook would undoubtedly lead to serious consequences of flooding to the nearby properties in the Ellenbrook area. Which will affect people's lives and make our homes uninsurable.
- The ground in this area is contaminated with Bromate, (the worse contamination in Europe!!) to build 1100 houses on this land could have a serious impact on the underlying bromate plume which could then affect our water supply in this region. What measures will be made to ensure that the plume is not affected and our health safeguarded?
- More housing in this area will lead to more traffic chaos. The local roads surrounding this area are already at full capacity during peak times causing long tail backs along the A1057. This will also be increased by the additional HGV's when the quarry works go ahead. There have been many collisions on St Albans Road West (one being last week at the junction of Poplars Ave with the A1057) It is extremely difficult to turn right from Poplars Avenue and from Selwyn Drive onto the A1057 due to heavy traffic. (What traffic calming measures will be put in place that could possibly cope with the increase of traffic to this area?)
- Air quality will also be affected with at least another 1000+ more cars in the area. Our health is at risk with higher concentrations of pollution.
- The area of land known as Ellenbrook Fields has been promised to the community under a Section 106 Agreement to form an 'Ellenbrook Country Park

and Trust'. This housing application will remove a large section of the country park and along with the proposed quarry, 90% of the Country Park will have disappeared leaving us with only 10% of the promised Country Park for our area. This does not seem fair. Had the Section 106 been implemented and the Trust set up, there would have been protection for this land within the lease and this application may never had been made and the park been safe! Has the delay been on purpose, and been deferred by Arlingtons with this application in mind?

Please take the residents of Ellenbrook's views into consideration. Over the years we have contended with a vast amount of housing and redevelopment in this area. ALL WE ASK IS OUR COUNTRY PARK BE SAVED AND THE SECTION 106 BE PUT IN PLACE!

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