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Flooding

I live in The Ellenbrook area of Hatfield, not far from the roundabout at Ellenbrook Lane jct with A1057 St Albans Road West. This area is within the flood zone and regularly the junction at the roundabout is flooded. The Ellen Brook has in my short time in this area reached very close to overflowing especially where it runs alongside Ellenbrook Lane. If this development is allowed it will remove even more porous surface, rain water will be, intentionally or not, focused on to flowing away from this new development ending up entering the Ellen brook and this will raise the danger of flooding even higher putting our homes at serious risk. This flooding is also a serious accident risk to the vehicles using the A1057/ Ellenbrook Lane roundabout. It also makes it riskier for pedestrians crossing here to access Albatross Way, buses and Howe Dell school.

Traffic pollution

This area has seen a large number of developments both within the Hatfield area and in the St Albans area bordering with Hatfield. Each application has been treated on its own merits and not the cumulative effect on the existing road network. This new proposal for 1100 more homes will significantly add to the already increased congestion even further and will increase the pollutants in the air in two ways. Firstly by the additional vehicle movements and secondly by those vehicles standing and idling in the inevitable queues and congestion. The A1057 is a shielded road from the elements by the hedgerows and if the quarry goes ahead, the plan is the quarry company Brett Aggregates will build up mounds of earth along the perimeter of the quarry with vegetation on top in order to contain the noise and dust pollution the quarry will cause. This will have the effect of containing the car pollutants in the atmosphere within the A1057 by preventing them from being easily dispersed by the breeze.

Adoption

I have seen the objections contained within the Ellenbrook Area Residents Association, which represents the residents where I live and would like to fully support them and ask that you listen to all that has been said and reject this application. It has no benefit for the local population and severely affects our environment and takes away a very essential piece of Green Belt land that does a lot, for little cost, to the health and well-being of the local residents and those that travel into the area from far and wide to make use of this open space. We will lose the weekly Park Run which is very well attended, it has a large following of adults of all ages and children, often in excess of 150 participants. There is no other similar space close by.

Please consider these along with my previous objections.

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Resident of Ellenbrook