

■ GRAVEL SITE

Work is blight on this area

In your article about the gravel extraction in Aldborough Hatch (July 24), Brett Lafarge say they have completed the work they have already undertaken. So why am I still having to listen to the rattle of machinery and the noise of lorries from their site? And where is all the restoration work they promised?

This work should have been completed eight years ago. They now say that they want to start again at the other side of Painters Road.

When I first moved here more than 30 years ago, this was a very pleasant and surprisingly rural area. There were fields full of crops and amazing wildlife, the sound of the cuckoo was a regular annual event.

Now the land leased to this company has been left to rot with overgrown footpaths and fields full of weeds, which become a fire hazard in the summer. It seems that their idea of footpath management is to shut them or let them become overgrown.

Redbridge Council must not be swayed by the short-term monetary gains from leasing to this company at the risk of serious long-term environmental damage, including the destruction of the water table, the risk to nearby buildings, the loss of biodiversity and the ongoing noise and dust pollution.

Residents please say no to more gravel extraction – we have suffered enough!

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