

LETTERS AND COMMENT

■ GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Misery has gone on long enough

How I agree with Jenny Chalmers' letter in last week's *Recorder* regarding the gravel extraction.

For more than 26 years I have lived overlooking the fields where the gravel extraction has taken place. The view from the rear of my house used to be quite breathtaking, it was this rural setting that encouraged us originally to buy a property in this area. The farm fields were gorgeous and picking our own fruit at the local farm was a favourite pastime for my young children.

How times have changed. For the past several years we are awoken to the sound of machinery and our gardens are covered in dust on a daily basis. Picking your own fruit is no longer an option as the farm and shop are closed.

We are now told that the gravel workings are coming even closer to our homes, next to St Peter's Church, closing the footpaths where we walk regularly and bringing more noise pollution and dust.

This gravel extraction has gone on for long enough, we are fed up with it. If Redbridge Council persists with this monetary gain at residents' expense, I sincerely hope they will be making great reductions to Council Tax payments for the residents of Aldborough Hatch for the distress and discomfort this will invariably cause.

Enough is enough Brett Lafarge. And Redbridge Council, please listen to the local people.

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