

LETTERS AND COMMENT

GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Greed behind move that will ruin our environment

It appears that gravel extraction is back on the agenda again!

When I first moved to the Aldborough Hatch area more than 31 years ago, from east London, I was amazed at how green a place could be so close to the concrete inner city I came from.

I would walk through the farms using the pathways, pass others, and say, "Hello". This over the years gradually disappeared with the gravel extraction and the farms no longer working.

I have put up with the dust, noise at times, huge inconvenience and the erosion of a green and pleasant environment caused by the previous rounds of gravel extraction.

I had thought, naïvely maybe, that gravel extraction was a thing of the past but unfortunately money seems to have reared its head again. The danger to the fabric of the church buildings is an obvious



■ Residents protesting against the latest plans for gravel extraction were joined by MP, Lee Scott, left, front, Conservative leader Cllr Paul Canal, to his right, and chairman of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association, Ron Jeffries, right front
Picture: Nicholas Smith

cause for concern as is the intrusion, once again, of the dusty lorries and the impairment of air quality for local residents along

with not being able to use the bridleways. People make a community and a healthy environment is paramount. I am sad that

my grandchildren will now not know how wonderful an area this used to be.

Jean Whitehead, by email