

## LETTERS AND COMMENT

## ■ GRAVEL WORKS

**Scheme wrong  
on four levels**

As a resident of Newbury Park, I am totally opposed to the renewed effort by Brett Lafarge to seek permission from Redbridge Council to further extract sand and gravel in the Aldborough Hatch area.

Firstly, the extraction of sand and gravel creates dust clouds which is a dangerous health hazard to all residents, but more importantly it will seriously affect people suffering from medical conditions, such as, respiratory problems, bronchitis, eczema and asthma. So, on health and safety grounds I am against further extraction of sand and gravel.

Secondly, the closure of Bridleway 93 is going to cause major disruption and inconvenience to residents. It will seriously affect school children who either cycle or walk to their respective schools as they have to

seek alternative routes, which could be dangerous particularly during our long winter months.

Thirdly, the 151-year-old St Peter's church is an important landmark to the residents of Newbury Park. By carrying out extraction work to within 100 metres of a grade II listed building might cause irreparable damage.

Finally, the building of a roadway will cause additional disruption and inconvenience to residents of Aldborough Hatch. Apart from the noise level and dust, it will also cause traffic problems due to diversion of traffic during road construction work.

I strongly urge councillors of Aldborough Hatch and Redbridge Council to refuse permission to Brett Lafarge to carry out further sand and gravel extraction in the Aldborough Hatch area.

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