

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

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Roger Evans MLA supports **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH Campaign**

Roger Evans, Member of the Greater London Authority for Havering and Redbridge, and Chairman of the London Assembly, has given his wholehearted support to the campaign to stop further sand and gravel extraction near homes in Aldborough Hatch.

Roger Evans said: “The residents of Aldborough Hatch have had to live with sand and gravel extraction for over 50 years. This area of Green belt close to their homes is enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders alike. I fully support residents who say that ‘enough is enough’ and trust that they will be left in peace to enjoy this much-valued stretch of countryside on their doorstep.”

Said Ron Jeffries, Chairman, Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA): “The AHDA resolves to oppose vigorously any future planning application to the London Borough of Redbridge for sand and gravel extraction from land on Aldborough Hatch Farm, bounded by Aldborough Road North, St. Peter’s Church, St. Peter’s Close, Oaks Lane, the Central Line and Fairlop Waters.

“We have asked Roger Evans to take our concerns to Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, who is responsible to deciding which London Boroughs are to produce sand and gravel. Redbridge has done its bit for over 50 years, whilst other Boroughs have not done so.

“The residents of Aldborough Hatch have suffered from the noise of machinery and lorries, dirt, dust, air pollution and the loss of farmland and open space arising from sand and gravel extraction. The AHDA believes firmly that ‘enough is enough’ and that no further workings should be countenanced by the London Borough of Redbridge. The AHDA is concerned at the risk of serious long term environmental damage, the continued destruction of the water table, the loss of biodiversity and the potential damage to two Grade II Listed and three Locally Listed buildings.

“We have the support of Lee Scott, MP for Ilford North, and Paul Canal, Leader of the Opposition, Redbridge Council. This is a campaign we are determined to win and let us warn those who think that the AHDA members are a push-over – that we saw off the London City All-Weather Racecourse – and we will do the same with sand and gravel.

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