

**Presentation to Redbridge Council Regulatory Committee
Ron Jeffries, Chairman, Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Wednesday 25th February 2015**

Chairman

I speak as Chairman of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association.

The first planning application to extract sand and gravel at Aldborough Hall Farm was submitted by Brett Lafarge 14 years ago. Work commenced in the summer of 2003.

For 12 years residents in Aldborough Hatch have suffered noise, dirt, smells and muddy roads. We were promised the work would take six years. It has taken 12 – and now you are being asked to agree to a further two years to complete the restoration.

The fact that Brett Lafarge submitted this application 28 days before the current planning application expired demonstrates their arrogance – and their belief that it will go through on the nod – in the hope that as this was a few days before Christmas no-one would notice.

It is said that there has been a shortage of infill – this is nonsense – not just Crossrail but other sites continue to provide this in abundance.

Lorries enter the site daily – proof of this is the mud split on Painters Road. The statement by Officers on page 4 of your papers that “*there haven't been any reports of any ongoing debris on the roads*” is totally wrong – we have reported mud on the road on numerous occasions to Terry Andrews and Phil Alford in your Highways and Cleansing Department.

We are fed up with empty assurances. We appeal to Councillors to refuse this application as it stands – and give Lafarge **six months absolute maximum** to complete the restoration – including the long-promised bridleway for public access.

Hundreds of posters in Aldborough Hatch declare that **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.**

This evening is the chance for Councillors to support those who elected them. **Thank you.**